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Offutt Club Debuts New Menu

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. -- The Offutt Club débuted a new dinner menu March 24 that includes more than 20 new items.

The change is part of an ongoing effort to modernize the club, making it more upbeat and competitive with off-base restaurants, but it wasn't without challenges.

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Good Enough To Eat



Jim Sellers, National Restaurant Association, observes Staff Sgts. Juhmal Webb (right) and Stacy Rodriguez, 35th Services Squadron, prepare beef porcupines during the Hennessy Evaluation Team visit to Misawa Air Base, Japan, Feb. 25. Mr. Sellers was one of four team members to evaluate the base's food service program. Misawa is one of eight Air Force installations competing for the 2004 John L. Hennessy Jr. Trophy. The award is based on several categories, including management effectiveness, food quality, customer service, training and safety. (Photo by Senior Airman Mary Weaver)

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Youth Tech Learning Lab opens

By Patti "PJ" Jeffrey 62nd Services Squadron Marketing editor

McChord Air Force Base, Wash. -- Emily Cartwright enters the lab, sits down, signs onto one of the new laptops and is ready to roll. She has been on a learning curve that is sending her confidence soaring.

Emily is currently, well into the second-level tutorial — Skill Tech II — that teaches youngsters all about computer components and hardware. At the end of the course, she, along with the rest of her group, will build a real computer.

"I want to learn how to type faster and better," said the 11-year-old of her computer skills goals. "I also found out I didn't know as much as I thought I did about computers once I began to go through Skill Tech."

Emily is one of the first group of 10 youth center members taking advantage of the new Technology Learning Lab inside the youth center.

The Beaumont Foundation of America and Boys & Girls Clubs of America recently awarded the Youth Center 10 laptops loaded with software, four digital cameras, an LCD projector and a color printer for its new learning lab.

"We competed with 8,000 other applicants for this grant," said Gary Tillotson, Family Member Programs Flight chief. "Only 320 of these \$25,000 grants were awarded nationwide. We feel fortunate to offer McChord community's youth center members such a rich learning opportunity."

Youth center members ages 6 through 18 who take part in the computer lab are catapulted far ahead of the curve on their way to computer skills and Internet use.

As part of the grant, Jack Green, youth center program director, has



Jack Green, youth center program director, instructs Emily Cartwright on one of several technical skills tutorials in the new Learning Lab at the Youth Center. Emily is one of 10 youth center members piloting the first group of Learning Lab students.

taken training on how to lead groups of youngsters through the tutorials and supervising learning activities in the lab. Every youth has one-on-one time with "Mr. Jack," who guides them through tutorials, answers questions, plans class projects and keeps tabs on students.

Each computer is loaded with age-appropriate software tutorials. The tutorials not only cover computer and Internet safety skills, but introduce youngsters to media, photography, music and other creative and office software packages.

For instance, the digital arts suite teaches students how to design web pages, take digital photographs and apply them to computer design, create movies and make music. They learn the basics of Front Page, Picture It! and Photoshop Elements.

Class projects entail brainstorming on creating original designs for web pages and discussing the possibility of a digital arts festival.

Students also learn how to create a three-slide PowerPoint presentation using Microsoft Word and Excel.

"Children can apply everything they learn here to a future career," said Mr. Green. "When students complete our workshop, they will understand the basics of a computer, both internal and external; know basic network administration skills — such as networking and IP addresses — and have a thorough knowledge of how the Internet works and how to stay safe when using the Internet. These tutorials take the confusion and mystery out of computers."

Mr. Green meets with his group of students once a week for about an hour to work in the learning lab. During practice sessions, youngsters learn how to log into web communities and learn how club professionals can upload club folders onto web communities, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Teens can explore a Boys & Girls Clubs teen chat site and create a class chat site. Every student will also learn how to develop personal safety on the Internet with specific strategies for keeping themselves safe from viruses and potential predators.

The tutorials are easy to follow, with animated guides who talk students through learning times and storylines with reviews at the end of each section. When beginning students feel ready to move on to the next level, they can begin a new tutorial on the same subject at the next age level, or they can simply learn all the different tutorials at their own age level.

"The lab is not for playing games on the computer," said Mr. Tillotson. "It's a bona fide learning center. Individuals who want to take advantage of it will need to get their parents or their guardian to sign them up for the next available group who will use the lab for a number of weeks."

According to Mr. Green, even though he is the learning lab's administrator and focal resource point, he isn't on his own. Ft. Lewis already has a few technical centers with their own trained facilitators who can be called on for advice if any problems occur.

"We are capitalizing on their experience with technology to best utilize ours," he said. "We expect that this lab is going to be used by a lot of Youth Center members, which is really exciting for everyone. It's going to be a great exploring and learning time once we get into full swing."

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Brian McKnight Performs at Kadena

By Ruth Ruffin 18th Services Marketing

Kadena Air Base, Japan -- World-renowned R & B singer, Brian McKnight performed two live concerts for excited fans at Kadena Air Base February 27-28. Approximately 1000 lucky Air Force Club members received free tickets to the show, which was hosted by the 18th Services Squadron at the Rocker NCO Club.

During the hour-long performances, Mr. McKnight, who was accompanied by two guitarists, sang many of his most popular tunes, as well as some tracks from his latest album, U Turn.

Megumi Savoy, wife of Staff Sgt. Ray Savoy, 390 Intelligence Squadron, who attended the concert, said, "I was amazed at how well Brian McKnight sang live. He not only sang well, but he interacted with the audience during the performance and had us really engaged with what he was doing. It was a fantastic evening".

Following the shows, Mr. McKnight took time to sign autographs for his fans.

When asked if he had any comments about his visit to Kadena, Mr. McKnight said, "The whole point of this thing is to say thank you. It is to show appreciation where appreciation is due. It was a pleasure to come here to give back to the military".

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Brian McKnight on stage with his guitarists.



Brian McKnight belts out one of his infamous ballads.



McKnight poses with some of Kadena's leadership. From left: Col. Richard M. Zink, 18 WG/CV, and Mrs. Zink, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, 18 WG/CC, and Mrs. Remington, Brian McKnight, Col. Ross Roley, 18 SVS/CC and Mrs. Roley, and Capt. Jennifer Williams, 18 MSG and Capt. Joseph Williams, 909 ARS. All photos by Saleem Malik, 18th Services Marketing

Can you hear me now?..A little communication goes a long way

By Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky 911th Airlift Wing Robins Air Force Base, Ga. -- The students at Hopewell Junior High School may appear to be normal 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, however as the saying goes, "looks can be deceiving."

These students are different though in a very positive way. And many may be are ahead of their peers on several levels. They're getting an education in world history through the eyes of several members of the 911th Airlift Wing who are making it.

But first, let's regress to how the history lessons began.

Sometime shortly after Rosalie Steigerwald's husband, Master Sgt. Robert Steigerwald, 911th Services Squadron, deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the idea began to take form.

It happened during a simple conversation between husband and wife. Sergeant Steigerwald explained to his wife how the first several weeks were exciting with the newness of being somewhere you've never been before and with all the preparations for the work that lay ahead. However, the longing for home set in quickly.

"I wanted to do something, but I didn't know what," said Mrs. Steigerwald. "When ever they (911th SVS) go away on any deployment, I've always e-mailed them to see what they needed. So, I decided to e-mail Lt. Narigon and ask him what we could do," she said.

1st Lt. Jerry Narigon, also from the 911 SVS, responded from his location in Baghdad, Iraq, with the following e-mail:

"Rosalie, How about a class picture? Not many of us get to see our kids. And, seeing children back home would be nice. Maybe, they could write about their holiday and the presents they received or a nice act their family performed during the holiday. Let me know what you think..."

Mrs. Steigerwald said she was somewhat taken back because the response wasn't for items, but simply for contact.

At the time, the 8th grade health teacher didn't know what she was doing or even how it would impact her students. She said she saw an opportunity and she didn't hesitate. Mrs. Steigerwald decided to ask her students what they thought.

"They were all for it," she said. "I also spoke with the school administration and they were all very supportive."

And, so it began.

"Our goal of this project is to keep the men in touch with home and to keep their morale up," said Mrs. Steigerwald. "We keep our conversations light and full of information from home. I feel the students are gaining as much from the men as they are gaining from us," she said.

Several other members of the 911th Airlift Wing have also been interacting with the junior high school students: Tech. Sgts. Robert Dean and Norman Long, 911th SVS, both stationed in Iraq, and Technical Sgt. David Shelton, 911th Maintenance Squadron, in Kuwait.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Dean who is also deployed to Iraq has really enjoyed the correspondence. E-mails like this one from Joyce Mros really helps: "Hello, it's Joyce again. Just wondering how you were doing today? It snowed this morning. I was so mad. But, when I got to school and got your reply I was happy again. I think it's good for you guyz over there to keep in contact with us. I love hearing from you. Keep in touch. Stay safe."

The response from Sergeant Dean: "Everything is going good here today. The sun is shining and it is starting to warm up pretty good. Do you enjoy the snow? I actually miss not seeing the snow. I've always enjoyed how beautiful everything is after it just stops snowing. Have a wonderful day at school. Thank you for keeping in touch. God Bless.

The school staff even set up conference calls with the deployed troops. The first call was with Lieutenant Narigon.

"Hello, this is Lieutenant Narigon calling from Baghdad, Iraq!"

"The student reaction to a call from Iraq was "Wow!" said Mrs. Steigerwald. They ask him questions such as, "How is the weather? What is it like over there? What kind of food do you eat? Why are you in the military? He answered each question," she said.

"The students thanked him for his service and invited him to come to the school and meet them when he returns," said Mrs. Steigerwald.

"This adventure has become a living page of history for the students," said Mrs. Steigerwald. "I said to the class one day, it's like having our own CNN, and Stacey (one of the students) said, 'It's better.'" "Talking about current events has become as real as the Friday night football game," said Mrs. Steigerwald.

Mrs. Steigerwald also got some of the other teachers involved.

"I contacted Mr. [Mike] Samek, the 7th and 8th grade history teacher. I knew he would love to involve his classes in such a unique experience," she said.

Mr. Samek teaches World and American History.

"I don't want them (the students) to forget the war against terrorism," said Mr. Samek. "It's not going to go away and we're

going to be fighting terrorism for a long time," he said.

Mr. Samek asked his class what they have learned from all of this: Neiko Bombiani is first to raise his hand.

"It brings people together and lets them know we care," he said.

Another hand goes up. "That we are educated enough to know what's going on," said Megan Simpson. "It makes you think... what if that was your dad over there?" she said.

Not only have the students been able to share and compare their activities with the troops during daily conference calls and numerous e-mails, they've also found other ways to support the troops.

They have written articles in their school newspaper, the Viking Voice, pertaining to their activities and communications with the deployed troops. They have also donated several of their Viking school sweatshirts, and have collected personal items such as, deodorant, soap, books, candy, etc...) and shipped them to the deployed troops in Iraq.

The students and staff are looking forward to meeting all their hero's when they return.

The Hopewell School students and staff said they will continue to do what ever they can to help 911th Air Force reservists and other deployed troops.

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Women's History Month: A time to reflect on struggles, successes

By Jean Best-Richardson 39th Services Squadron

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey - Last week I approached a young Airman and asked him to participate in our Women's History Month Program. His immediate response was, "Why isn't there a Men's History Month?"

The more I thought about it, I realized this young man probably never lived through some of the circumstances I experienced. Maybe he genuinely did not understand the condition of women in the military environment and society as a whole in the past. He encounters women of all ranks every day. He might see women who are commanders, doctors, lawyers, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, chief master sergeants, senior master sergeants, master sergeants and civilian women who are officers, flight chiefs, directors and managers.

This made me think of how many young military men and women might not realize what it was like to be a female military or federal employee in 1969. Many people might not know the long strides the military took to allow women to hold positions in the military equal to men.

I was hired as a telephone operator at the Philadelphia Naval Base Aug. 11, 1969. At that time, upper-level managers were men and women were teachers, secretaries, telephone operators or cashiers. The few women supervisors I encountered were supervisors of female employees only.

When I arrived at Hahn Air Base, Germany, in 1972, I was denied a job as a telephone operator because I was pregnant. After more than four years of federal work, I now couldn't get a job. After my pregnancy, I was allowed to continue my federal career.

My next base was Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where I was hired as a civilian personnel clerk in 1976. I worked on the Federal Women's Program. The FWP helped women apply for non-traditional jobs on the base. We provided female military spouses (most of the males were active duty) and civilian women with the information they needed to convert their volunteer experience into paid positions. We assisted women with acquiring positions as telephone linesman, construction workers, supply technicians and aided them in seeking a formal education.

Immediately after the personnel job, I became a clerical assistant in the Air Force Armament Development Test Center with electrical and mechanical engineers. All the engineers were men, but the Air Force was making a serious effort to recruit female engineers. Then, women were not only expected to type, take shorthand and make travel arrangements for the entire staff, but to make coffee as well.

So, when I think about the young man's question about why is there is not a Men's History Month, I know that men had an advantage all those years because women were not readily accepted into the traditional work force. Now, we have come to a time when in the military women receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of work.

Hopefully, we will come to a time when women will receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of work in all career paths. One day that glass ceiling might shatter and women can earn their proper place in work force and we will no longer need a Women's History Month.

Misawa Greets New Child/ Youth/Teen, Outdoor Rec Leaders

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - The 35th Services Squadron is proud to welcome two new leaders to its ranks. Terry Shaw joins the squadron as flight chief for Family Member Programs, and Jill Rector joins as the outdoor recreation center's newest manager.

Ms. Shaw comes to Misawa from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where for almost three years she was the Army base's child and youth coordinator. Her previous experience spans a period of nearly 15 years exclusively with Department of Defense youth and teen programs.

Ms. Shaw has worked at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Incirlik Air Base, Turkey and San Vito Air Station, Italy.

Ms. Shaw's biggest challenge with this new assignment, which carries responsibility for the child development, youth and teen centers, will be to recruit new people for jobs within the Flight.

"We must get the open positions filled with qualified and energetic people," she said.

Her second priority will be to get the child development center reaccredited.

Misawa also welcomes Jill Rector, who comes to Misawa from McChord AFB, Wash., where she was manager of the base's outdoor recreation center and Information, Tickets and Travel offices.

Prior to McChord, Ms. Rector worked at youth and recreation centers in Germany and at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

Ms. Rector's favorite job was working at a community center at Wainwright during the all too short summers with 23 hours of sunshine.

She is looking forward to seeing Misawa's Outdoor Recreation Center grow and meet the needs of the entire base community, including all the various commands and members of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

"I'd like to see a stronger emphasis in quality over quantity when it comes to outdoor rec programs," she said.

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Misawa's newest Outdoor Recreation Director, Jill Rector, comes to Japan from Washington State.
(Photo by Victoria Janssen)



Terry Shaw, Misawa's new flight chief for Family Member Programs, is ready to face the many new challenges here in Japan. (Photo by Victoria Janssen)

Tennessee Titan Cheerleaders Perform at Misawa

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - The Tennessee Titan Cheerleaders recently visited Misawa as part of a series of worldwide performances designed to entertain and raise the morale of United States troops serving our country.

The performers put on a cheerleading clinic for youth at Misawa's Lunney Youth Center.

They were greeted at the door by boys and girls waving pom-poms and eager for an opportunity to learn some tips from professional cheerleaders.

The Titan Cheerleaders also had breakfast at the base's Grissom Dining Facility, signed autographs at the Tohoku Enlisted Club and put on a spectacular cheerleading routine for soldiers and their families at the club.

The cheerleading performance involved singing, dancing, stunting, tumbling and skits, and represented one of the squad's first group performances overseas. They were participating in a military tour of Hawaii, Japan, Guam, and Korea sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment.

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Misawa Teen Wins Top Honors in PACAF Talent Contest

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - Misawa teenager Joshua Marzan won first place for his piano-playing prowess in Pacific Air Forces' 2003 Air Forcewide Family and Teen Talent Contest.

As a first place winner, Joshua was awarded a \$500 savings bond and will be invited to perform with Tops In Blue when the traveling team visits Misawa at the end of this year.

He won first place in the Teen 13 - 15 year old solo instrumental category, beating out more than 250 other contestants who submitted tapes of their performances for PACAF evaluation.

The son of a Navy service member, Joshua is 15 years old and has been playing the piano since he was 7-years-old. He currently plays at Catholic church services along with his father Julius, who plays guitar.

For his performance, Joshua played Chopin's Waltz in C-sharp minor. When he's not playing the piano, he enjoys martial arts, computers and reading.

"We are so proud you chose to play the piano in the talent contest and are honored that you are here at Misawa," wrote Terry B. Shaw, chief, Family Member Program Flight, in a note to Joshua and his parents, Julius and Elizabeth Marzan.

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With his musical hands in his pockets, Misawan Joshua Marzan takes a break from his passion of playing the piano.

Team Services Gets Their 'Just Desserts'

By Victoria Janssen, 35th Services Squadron

Misawa AB, Japan - After a busy several months in which Services employees prepared for visits from Col. Joseph Mazzola, Services Director, Arthur Myers and Col. Fred Ryder, as well as preparing for an inspection for the Installation Excellence Award and served as host for the Air Force Services Hennessy Evaluation Team, employees were given an Appreciation Day.

Services employees were treated to a free lunch and optional bowling at the base's Walmsley Bowling Center. Entertainment followed with a "Pie-in-the-Face" contest, which definitely proved to be the day's highlight.





Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Magby glares at his pie thrower, clearly confused as to why somebody would pay money to throw a pie in his face.



Community Support Flight Chief Bob Smith, recovers from getting his face decorated by a pie, as Outdoor Recreation Manager Jill Rector attempts to halt the pie pan's continued momentum.

Capt. Joseph Ericson readies a pickle and mayonnaisetopped chocolate pie to throw in the face of Tech. Sgt. Sheri Shelton. (All photos by Victoria Janssen)

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McChord's Famorama Fiesta Reflects Sizzlin' Hot Services

By Patti "PJ" Jeffrey, 62nd Services Squadron marketing editor

McChord Air Force Base, Wash. -- The forecast for March was sizzlin' hot, at least for McChord's Services Squadron customers.

Along with the grand opening of the Habañero Mexican Grill at Whispering Firs golf course on March 16, patrons enjoyed weeklong discounts, giveaways and drawings during customer appreciation week, culminating with a free base-wide fiesta.

Over 1,500 "Famorammers" rode in on the heat wave to Famorama Fiesta March 20 — an all-out hangar party for family members — with a free south-of-the-border lunch, "nada-margaritas," stage entertainment, carnival games, children's crafts, tattoos and face painting, a gigantic inflatable slide, obstacle course and bouncers, a laser tag arena and Dance Dance Revolution.

Seattle's own Mexican-American Association of "Baile Folklorico" took the main stage, entertaining the audience with Mexican folk dancing, ballad music and dazzling costumes in a 40-minute performance.

After the performance, children entered a "Hot Tamale" guessing contest and races for prizes, such as certificates for a pizza, round of golf, or a case of hot cinnamon candy.

Outside the hangar doors, Professional Bull Rider Association member Ross Coleman, a bull-riding champion, brought along "Gus," the celebrity tame bull, for children to touch and pet. He, along with other bull riders, gave away tickets to the Professional Bull Riders' Classic performance at the Tacoma Dome.

Famorammers took away bags of giveaways and carnival prizes, including some hot prizes such as a karaoke machine, Disney 13-inch television and digital portable CD player. Families also entered drawings for a Cactus League getaway for two and \$500 worth of Services bucks, redeemable at Services activities. The two lucky winners were announced near the end of Famorama.

"We all really enjoyed the whole day," said veteran Famorammers, Vickie and Don Kitchen. "The games were great this year: My daughter and her friend liked the bouncers, obstacle course and laser tag best. I sure liked the Dance Dance Revolution. We're already looking forward to the next time you have a party."

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Aviano Air Base "Cooks" with Lidia

By Paulette Burnard, 31 SVS Marketing Director

Aviano Air Base, Italy - - Lidia Bastianich, world famous chef, restauranteur, author, humanitarian and star of the PBS shows "Lidia's Italian-American Kitchen" and "Lidia's Italian Table" cooked it up at Aviano Air Base on March 28.

Food connoisseurs gathered at the base's beautiful new club, La Bella Vista, for a book signing and cooking show. Lidia, assisted by the club's Chef Paul Currier, demonstrated how to cook risotto and capellini with spicy shrimp.

Base Visual set up cameras and projected each step on a large screen so not one of the over 200 guests missed a step.

"It felt like we were in a real TV cooking show", quipped one happy guest who was among those selected to sample the risotto.

31st Services Marketing generated considerable excitement for the event through their web-based contest "LidiaQuest" on www.31svs-aviano.com, held three weeks prior to Lidia's visit. Winners were awarded free front row seats for the demonstration and those who were club members could opt for a personal lunch with Lidia the next day.

Lidia donated her cooking DVD, cookbooks and wine from her local Italian winery. The community center donated a free cooking class, Information, Tickets and Travel offered a free wine trip and Army Air Force Exchange Service's Bookmark donated a "Lidia's Italian Table" cookbook.

Ms. Bastianich, a naturalized American citizen, emigrated from northeast Italy to New York when she was 12.

"America has been so very good to me that I am happy to give something back," said Lidia, who was delighted with the turnout and said it was her pleasure to be able to support the troops and families at Aviano. She promised to come back.

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All photos by Kenneth Godden, 31SVS volunteer





Dyess Library Celebrates Dr. Seuss Day!



Dyess Air Force Base, Texas -- Over 200 children and 60 adults visited the ever-popular Dr. Seuss birthday celebration at the Dyess Base Library. Mar 2, 2004 marked the 100th birth anniversary of Theodor Geisel, the infamous Dr. Seuss.

Ten military members volunteered their time to read a Dr. Seuss story to youngsters in the library. Titles such as The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs & Ham, and Yertle the Turtle continue to be children's favorites.

The Family Member Support Flight provided cookies and beverages, and the Abilene Bookstore donated books for prizes. Dr. Seuss stickers, activity sheets, and certificates were handed out to each participant. In addition, all readers were the official library "Dr. Seuss" hat.

The Dyess Library, under the direction of Dawn Williams, has offered this fun program for seven years — and more and more people attend every year.

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Dover Kids Receive Backpack of Fun



Roxanne Lee, 436th Services Squadron Youth Center, assistant director, hands Mollee Crampton, age 15, a Kids Only backpack filled with a camera, tape recorder, phone card, picture frame, paper, pencil, pen, and more. The backpack is offered to children, 6-18 years old, with deployed parents. Children can pick up a Kids Only backpack at Dover AFB Youth Center. (Photo by April Crampton)

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AT&T Grand Prize Winner heads overseas with a 10,000 free minutes calling card

By Debbie Southee, 11th SVS

Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. – Being in the right place at the right time really paid off for Staff Sgt. Melissa Lehan of the 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Force Base, Korea.

Sergeant Lehan attended the Christmas day performance of the Air Force's Tops In Blue at Kunsan to take her mind off the fact that she was thousands of miles away from her family and to try and enjoy Christmas day with friends.

As she registered for the AT&T calling card grand prize, little did she know that she would get the perfect Christmas present – a 10,000-minute AT&T calling card.

Sergeant Lehan is the perfect recipient for a free family-calling plan as she is PCSing from Kunsan and heading overseas again to her next assignment with the 52nd Medical Squadron at Bitburg, Germany.

During the final Tops In Blue 2003 show at Lackland AFB, Texas on April 4, 2004, Sergeant Lehan's name was drawn from the thousands of Tops In Blue audience members who had registered while attending the shows around the world.

She was on leave in Washington, D.C., when she was told she was the lucky recipient of a 10,000-minute calling card.

Col. Janice Mitchell, 11th Mission Support Group along with Bill Sapp, vice president, Department of Defense/Air Force Government Solutions made the official presentation of the 10,000-minute calling card at Bolling Air Force Base on April 12, 2004.

"It's the perfect going away gift," said Lehan. "A great way to keep in contact with family and friends in the States." Her family is used to having family members living overseas, as serving your country is almost the family motto in the Lehan household.

Sergeant Lehan was the first female in her family to join the service following her father (Navy) and grandfather (Army) into military service. Her brother is also in the Air Force and she has a sister in the Army. Her 14-year-old brother is anxious to join the "family business" and his siblings are quick to point out the merits of the different services.

- "I definitely think the Air Force takes care of their people," said Sergeant Lehan. As a medical technician, eight-year veteran, she plans to finish her degree and then fulfill her dreams of becoming a registered nurse.
- "I can't wait to get to Bitburg so I can travel and see Europe," she said.

Thanks to AT&T and 10,000 free minutes, she will be able to call home from every major city in Europe. No federal endorsement of sponsor is intended.

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Dover's Eagle Lanes host seeing-eye puppy training

By April Crampton, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The seeing-eye puppies recently settled down in front of the lanes with their trainers at Eagle Lanes Bowling and Recreation Center while taking in the new sights, sounds and smells around them.

According to 1st Lt. Christopher Radziewicz, 436th Service Squadron combat support commander and seeing-eye puppy trainer, the puppies are taught the basic commands of come, down and rest, to walk on the leash on the left side, slightly ahead of the trainer, to have a strong, steady pull on the leash, which helps the puppy to learn to lead. They learn to sleep by the side of the bed and to sit under the chair on the leash while we are eating a meal.

The puppies stay with the puppy trainer until they are 14 months old, then the puppies go to formal training. They are part of the Delaware chapter of the seeing-eye puppy training and this is the first time the base's bowling center has been used for a bowling activity with the puppies.

"I approached Bob Watras about having the seeing-eye puppy training at the center because it is important to train them in a wide variety of social settings," said Lieutenant. Radziewicz, "He was happy to let us hold our puppy training at the bowling center."

"We have had military working dogs in here to expose them to a wide range of sights and loud sounds that go on in the bowling center," said Bob Watras, Eagle Lanes manager. "Lieutenant Radziewicz explained to me that the seeing-eye dogs need to be exposed to as many different situations and stimulations as possible to insure they learn how to react when guiding a sight impaired person."

Mr. Watras explained that when asked to have the puppy training at the bowling center, his concern was if the puppies were house broken. Once he was assured that the puppies were trained he considered this training a good way to provide service to the community.

"We had 27 trainers and 12 puppies for this activity at the bowling center," said Mr. Watras.

The dogs sat or laid by their trainer's chair while taking in everything going on around them as the trainers bowled.

"The bowling center customers enjoyed petting the puppies and asked questions about the program, said Mr. Watras. "The puppies behaved very well and a new trainer was recruited too."

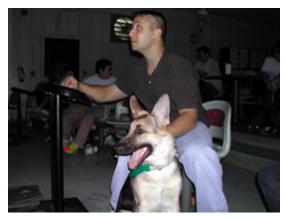
"This was the first time any of our puppies have visited a bowling center," said Marty Irion, seeing-eye puppy trainer. "The experience of the unique sounds, bright lights, sudden loud noises and people walking around them made this a very important activity for the puppies, this introduces them at an early age to situations they may encounter later in life.

"Except for an occasional bark here and there the puppies behaved exceptionally well," added Ms. Irion.

"I think the seeing-eye program is great and we will help when we can," said Mr. Watras. "The bowling center staff is always willing to accommodate special events and occasions whenever possible."

Mr. Watras also stated that base personnel should contact the lanes at least one month prior to their special event.

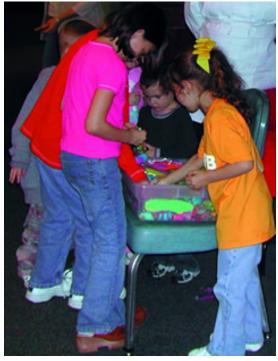
For more information on the seeing-eye puppy training, contact Lieutenant Radziewicz at 744-9448.



Seeing-eye puppy in training, Dodie looks around as 1st Lt. Christopher Radziewicz, 436th Services Squadron combat support commander and puppy trainer, sets up the bowling score screen at Eagle Lanes Bowling and Recreation Center.(Photo by April Crampton)

Children pick toys after finding "Turquoise the Turtle"

Dover Air Force Base, Del. - Blue's clue solved Dover Team children pick toys after finding "Turquoise the Turtle" during Blue's Clues family night on April 1 at the Community Center. The next family night will use Finding Nemo theme and is scheduled for May 7. The night will feature special appearance by Nemo and crafts, games, movies for children, and the Nemo moon bounce.



(Photo by CW John Dill, 436th Security Forces)

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Patterson Dining Facility's First Mongolian BBQ

Dover Air Force Base, Del. - Patterson Dining Facility held its first Mongolian BBQ on March 24. Staff Sgts. Cedric Perkinson and Kyle Thomas, 436th Services Squadron, cook chicken, shrimp and beef as Lydia Smith, Selrico employee, serves the food to the customers during Patterson's first Mongolian BBQ. More than 340 Dover Team members came out for the event. Patterson serves two special meals a month.



(Photo by April Crampton)

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Dover's Patterson Dining Facility Conducts Iron Chef Competition

April Crampton, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The Dover Air Force Base Iron Chef competitors recently contemplated what dishes they were going to prepare using quartered chicken and potatoes in order to tempt the taste buds of the judges during the first Patterson Dining Facility Iron Chef Competition.

"The Dover Air Force Base Iron Chef Competition was a suggestion from 1st Lt. Christopher Radziewicz, 436th Services Squadron combat support commander," said Master Sgt. Dan Reville, Services food superintendent. "The idea to host the competition similar to the television show, where two competing chefs test their culinary skills by preparing creative meal items using select food items, was met with enthusiasm."

The Patterson Dining Facility competitors, Staff Sgt. Cedric Perkinson and Senior Airman Kester Patrick faced off and went head to head in creating whatever dishes they desired using the meat and starch chosen by Sergeant Reville, Tech. Sgt. Dennis Evangelista, Patterson Dining Facility production manager and Senior Airman Clint Kelley, storeroom personnel.

"We chose the chicken and potatoes based on the numerous ways they could be prepared," said Sergeant Evangelista. "The chefs were able to choose the remaining entrée items to go with their dishes."

According to Sergeant Reville, the chefs were not told what mandatory food items were chosen until 9 a.m. the morning of the competition.

"Sergeant Perkinson and Airman Patrick could be as creative as they wanted, but could not have any help in the preparation of the meals," said Sergeant Reville. "This competition allowed our experts the chance to expand their culinary skills and display their individual creative talents."

"It was fun to plan and make a meal of my choosing and present it as artwork, as well as a tasty meal to the judges," said Airman Patrick. "I will love the chance to do it again."

"The cooks prepared their meals from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.," said Sergeant Evangelista. "The dishes were then presented to the judges."

The judges were Maj. Jeffrey Yocum, Services Squadron commander, Lieutenant. Radziewicz and Master Sgt. Shawn Dunlap, 436th Services Squadron first sergeant.

"The meals presented were curry chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, mixed vegetables with mixed fruit, tossed salad, brushetta chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and brushetta bread," said Sergeant Reville. "The judges were not told who made which meals until the winning meal was chosen."

The judges rated the meals on presentation, compatibility, color, creativity, originality, garnish, taste, degree of difficulty, aroma and texture.

"The ratings were very close in this competition," said Lieutenant Radziewicz. "But one rated a little higher. The curry chicken meal won the competition because of a little better presentation and the aroma."

"The first chef to be crowned Dover AFB's Iron Chef was Airman Patrick," said Sergeant Reville. "He will receive a one day pass, a certification of victory and his picture will be displayed in Patterson."

According to Lieutenant Radziewicz, the Patterson staff will conduct the



Senior Airman Kester Patrick, 436th Services Squadron dining facility cook, puts the final touch of parsley on the mixed fruit dish he has prepared for the first Dover Air Force Base Iron Chef competition. (Photo by April Crampton)

Dover AFB Iron Chef Competition quarterly and at the end of the year the winning chefs will have a cook off.

"This event gave our troops the opportunity to show off their true talents as chefs," said Major Yocum. "Both meals were 4-star quality in every regard."

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Stepping up to make a difference Competition

Sherry Trauth, Publicity Specialist, 78 Services
Division

Robins Air Force Base, Ga. -- Looking for a meaningful project to satisfy his Eagle Badge requirements is what Joshua Hamilton set out to do with the help of his Boy Scouts master and Sharon Batchelder of the Robins Air Force Base Spalding Nature Center.

A set of steps, directly leading to a garden area with various animal displays, didn't exist at the nature center until Jushua constructed it. Besides playing an active role in the scouts, the 16-year-old Houston County High School student is in his third year of Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps where he has earned the rank of cadet lieutenant.

Batchelder said the new set of steps makes it easier to take care of the animals and they are more convenient for our customers.

"These steps wouldn't have been possible without the help of J.J. Odom from The Home Depot," she said.

On April 1, a plaque was placed on the steps thanking The Home Depot for providing materials for the project.

"Joshua did a wonderful job and we were glad to help out," said Odom. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

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Joshua and his father Kevin Hamilton layout plans for the new steps. (Photo by: Linda Hinkle, 78 Services)



J.J. Odom, The Home Depot, and Joshua Hamilton enjoy the completed steps. (Photo by: Sherry Trauth, Publicity Specialist, 78 Services Division)

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Brian McKnight Performs at Kadena

Kadena Air Base, Japan -- World-renowned R& B singer, Brian McKnight performed two live concerts for excited fans at Kadena Air Base February 27-28. Approximately 1000 lucky Air Force Club members received free tickets to the show, which was hosted by the 18th Services Squadron at the Rocker NCO Club.

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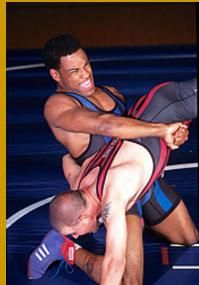
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Airmen Win Two Gold Medals at Wrestling Championship

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) -- Staff Sgt.

Steven Woods, of the 10th Services Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., won the 74-kilogram (163-pound) weight class in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2004 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships. Second Lt. Kevin Hoy, of the 10th SVS, won the 120-kilogram (264.5-pound) weight class in Freestyle wrestling. The championship event was March 4 to 8 at Naval Air Station New Orleans.

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The 379th Expeditionary Services
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Air Force Services Kicks Off "UBU" Program

San Antonio, Texas -- The "UBU" (You Be You) program is a new initiative to provide a positive introduction to Air Force Services and Air Force Clubs by establishing and sustaining contact with new Air Force members at basic military and technical training schools.

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49th Services Squadron Adds Services Day for Newcomers

Courtesy of 49th Services Squadron

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. – On March 5, the 49th Services Squadron and the 49th Mission Support Squadron added a Services Day to the First Term Airmen's Center training.

The Services Day will give new-to-Holloman Air Force Base airmen a break from the classroom-style training at the FTAC and end their week with a fun day of competition and recreation while they learn about the 49th Services Squadron.

"I want the Holloman FTAC program to be the benchmark for all FTACs," said Tech. Sgt. Danny Davis, FTAC director. "This implementation is just the beginning of more to come! I think it is beneficial to all of us at Holloman to provide our airmen the best and most creative programs we can offer."

The new airmen will begin the day with a golf scramble at the Apache Mesa Golf Course and end with a nine-pin No-Tap bowling tournament at Desert Lanes Bowling Center.

The FTAC airmen will participate in a paintball war, learn the ropes at the Auto Skills Center and see the opportunities offered at the Skills Development Center.

They will also be visiting the Digital Mania Zone and other programs at the community center, the enlisted club and finish with the fitness center.

"Because most airmen are unaware of the vastness of Services programs and activities," said Lt. Col. Terri Toppin, 49th SVS commander, "our goal is to encourage the airmen to take advantage of what we have to offer."

She said the 49th SVS strives to accommodate tight budgets of the airmen by keeping prices reasonable and providing them a quality product for their money.

"Many airmen use the fitness center and dining facilities," Colonel Toppin said, "but many airmen don't take advantage of the other facilities like Outdoor Recreation, which offers endless activities including white water rafting, sporting trips and tours.

"We want to 'tell the Services story' to our new airmen by offering this exciting day of sports and recreation," she said. "Our goal is to ensure they know what activities are available to them at Holloman."

The services squadron is a big part of the Air Force mission, Sergeant Davis said. Services Day will increase participation in base activities and help boost the morale of newly assigned airmen. Hopefully it will rejuvenate the spirit of the young enlisted core and get them more involved in the military community.

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Keesler's Arts and Crafts Center Receives Grant

By Earlene Smith 81st SVS



Kendall Carr, 9 year old son of Capt. Brian and Tamara Carr, 738th Engineering Installation Squadron at Keesler AFB, receives instructions on how to operate a sewing machine from Gail Windsor, instructor, at the Skills Development Center.

Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. - Keesler's Skills Development Center recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Air Education and Training Command to implement youth programs at the facility.

The funds were used to purchase sewing machines, a convection oven, computers and ceramic molds.

A series of fun classes have been scheduled to teach the children how to use the equipment.

In the sewing class, children are taught basic hand stitching and sewing machine operation while making items such as pillows, fleece caps and quilted wall hangings.

Children ages 8 and older are using children's cookbooks to create mouth–watering goodies in the cooking class. They begin with simple items like cookies and desserts, and then progress to casseroles, meats and main dishes. By the end of the class series, they're preparing complete meals.

To celebrate their new culinary skills, each child invites two adults to a sit-down dinner. The students develop the menu and cook and serve the food.

Two computers with printers have been added to the equipment available through the center's youth program. The accompanying age appropriate software, including Kids Pix, Family Tree Maker, Adobe Photoshop, 3D Home Architect, Scrapbook Factory and Print Shop, give youth ages 4 and older an opportunity to express their creativity while improving their computer skills.

Over 20 children's ceramic molds were purchased. Beginner classes for ages 8 and older teaches participants how to pour their own casting, clean the green ware and basic painting techniques. After completing the class, ages 8-12 accompanied by an adult can use the youth molds, while ages 13 and older are allowed to work on their own.

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At Kadena, A Healthy Heart is a Happy Heart

By Geraldine Diogo 18th Services Marketing

Kadena Air Base, Japan - The Risner Fitness Center at Kadena Air Base held a Healthy Heart Fair on February 25, which was designed to enlighten and inform customers about how they can start and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Attendees of the fair were invited to participate in a number of free assessments, which included: blood pressure checks, body fat assessments, and cholesterol testing.

As well as free testing, the fair featured many different representatives related to the heath and wellness field. Information booths were set up from the following:

Risner Fitness Center, Health and Awareness Center, Dental Clinic, Audiology, Occupational Theraphy, Physical Theraphy, American Red Cross, Nutrition Services, Camp Lester Health Promotions, and Podiatry.

As well as receiving valuable information, participants took advantage of samples of healthy foods and free giveaways such as water bottles and T-Shirts provided by the Risner Fitness Complex.



Lt. Tinsika Riggs, a registered dietician for the U. S. Navy Nutrition Services, explains the importance of a balanced diet. - Photos by: Ernest Curtin, 18th Services Fitness & Sports

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Lt. Cdr. Christopher Kardohely, a U.S. Navy podiatrist, was also one of the health professionals at the event.

CSAF Sight Picture: Character -- The Courage to Do the Right Thing

By Gen. John P. Jumper Air Force Chief of Staff

Our Air Force has a proud history of accomplishments that traces directly to the quality of people that make up the total Air Force team. At every base, wing, and deployed site our Airmen rise to challenges every day demonstrating their loyalty and dedication. I am proud to be part of this prestigious team. But, I am always dismayed when I learn of an Airman who, as a result of a bad decision, faces disciplinary action. I wonder if there was a way to help this person, or if someone sitting down with this Airman could have prevented this situation. Because of this, I feel it is essential to reinforce the full meaning of our concepts of character and the standards our core values provide us.

Character comprises the emotional, intellectual, and moral qualities that distinguish one group from another -- and the judgment to discern them. Our core values and the unique demands of military service undergird our Air Force character. These values -- Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do -- endure as the fundamental standards of behavior of our Air Force team. But, character can be an elusive concept not readily apparent, as it encompasses so many qualities. The true foundation of character is not merely knowing the right thing to do, but also having a firm conviction and the courage to act upon such knowledge. This conviction requires solid moral fiber and ethical strength to do what is right even if no one is there to witness your actions. Our actions over time define our character, just as our character delineates our lasting reputation. When we make the wrong choices, both our character and our reputation are damaged.

Character can rapidly deteriorate when we fail to hold others and ourselves to the high standards our Air Force profession demands. The responsibility of enforcing core values does not fall solely to senior leaders and commanders. Every Airman must embrace and reflect these values, both on and off-duty. We must reflect these fundamental values in our daily conduct and help develop those attitudes in others. If you see a fellow worker or friend cut corners and don't say anything, you are condoning what they are doing. Failing to correct or report instances where the rules are broken, selectively enforcing rules, or turning a blind-eye to marginal behavior or performance can perpetuate negative attitudes that can infect organizations.

We are all responsible for each other and it is essential that we all share a collective sense of mission, values, and culture. If we don't, we become part of the problem, and jeopardize the mission and the lives of our men and women. Every member of the Air Force must embrace our core values as the guiding light that drives what we do. I challenge each of you to apply this philosophy in your service to the Air Force and this great nation.

Building character is a lifelong journey -- remember, it is not just knowing the right thing to do; it is having the courage to do it. We have a responsibility to ourselves, the Air Force, and our nation to maintain a team of unquestionable character.

Note: General Jumper also released two other Sight Pictures regarding zero mishap safety and motorcycle safety, read their full text at http://www.af.mil/media/viewpoints/safety.html and http://www.af.mil/media/viewpoints/safety.html.

Habañero Grill Creates Fresh Alternative to McChord Dining

By Patti "PJ" Jeffrey 62nd Services Squadron

McChord Air Force Base, Wash. - After seven months from conception to grand opening, Habañero Mexican Grill is ready for business at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

What sets this restaurant apart from others on base is the Services squadron command's response to internal market research showing that Airmen wanted an alternative to both fast food and traditional restaurants. The grill concept offers made-to-order burritos, tacos, fajitas and salads with fresh ingredients, ready to go when customers reach the cash register.

The grand opening party held March 16, featured a totally remodeled dining area and kitchen inside Whispering Firs Golf Course's clubhouse, new uniforms for the restaurant staff, and a new concept for restaurants on base.

"We are determined to do a few things very well: To make the best burritos anywhere in less than a minute," said Maj. Justin Hall, 62nd Services Squadron commander, in his welcome speech.

"Some of our objectives for change were to provide a different food service option with a distinct identity, provide a popular option for Airmen ... and take advantage of the current food services industry trend," said Major Hall.

The 62nd Airlift Wing Vice Wing Commander, Col. Rick Martin said that Air Mobility Command jump-started the Habañero concept with a \$40,000 contribution. Deputy Chief of Services Operations, Roy Vaughn, represented the AMC/A7 check at the grand opening

Colonel Martin thanked everyone for their contributions, hard work and labor, including the command, 62nd Services squadron, civil engineering and communications squadron.

"Help spread the word that Habañero is open for business," Colonel Martin said. "We look forward to great things from Habañero Grill."



Maj. Justin Hall, 62nd Services Squadron commander, serves free "nada margaritas" to grand opening participants while hungry patrons line up for made-to-order burritos, fajitas, salads, tacos and sides.



Cutting the ceremonial "ribbon" from left to right are Ann Rodrigue-Bailey, 62nd Services Squadron Community Support Flight chief; Col. Rick Martin, 62nd Airlift Wing vice wing commander; Roy Vaughn, AMC A7 deputy chief of Services operations; Maj. Justin Hall, 62nd Services Squadron commander; and Roger Davis, 62nd Services Squadron deputy commander.

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Learning to Fly is easy at Dover's Aero Club Courtesy of 436th Services Squadron



Col. Donald Sloan, 512th Operations Group commander, glides through the air in his single engine plane. (Photo by Dan Spearing)

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The Flight Training Center at Dover Air Force Base invites all military members, their dependents, retirees, civilian employees and Air Force contractors to stop by and see how easy it is to earn a pilot's license.

"Obtaining a pilot's license can be quick and fairly easy to accomplish," said Joe Nickle, Aero Club manager.

"Students control how long it will take by setting their own pace. Aero club members can train to become a Federal Aviation Administration licensed pilot with a minimum of 35 hours ground training and 35 hours of flight training under the FAA's Part 141 training program, which generally takes a minimum of three months to accomplish."

Staff members at the aero club aid each student pilot in planning their course, using either the FAA's Part 141 or Part 61 program.

The primary difference between the two is the minimum number of hours required to obtain a private pilot's license.

The aero club also offers courses for instrument, commercial, flight instructor and air transport pilot in both single and mult-iengine aircraft.

"By joining the aero club, members not only learn to fly, but also receive some great benefits," said Mr. Nickle. "These include learning how to fly from some of the world's most skilled instructors and \$1 million of insurance coverage when participating in any aero club activity."

In addition, active duty members are allowed to use military benefits such as tuition assistance to offset the cost of ground school. The Department of Veteran Affairs educational benefits may also be used by those eligible to minimize the cost of obtaining rating and certificates above the private pilot's license, including instrument, commercial, multiengine, and flight instructor.

Military pilots may earn their licenses through the Military Competency Program or get add-on class/category rating such as a single engine add-on to their current FAA multi-engine certification.

Licensed members can also skip the problems of airline travel when going on short, temporary duty assignments by using an aero club aircraft to reach their destination through the joint travel regulation. The prices at the aero club are usually 20 to 25 percent less then their civilian equivalent, and this is the only FAA Part 141 school in Delaware that is VA certified.

Additionally, the aero club offers all available FAA knowledge tests, including those required for the Airframe and Power plant mechanics license, with a LaserGrade Computer Testing Center on site.

Being a LaserGrade certified test center, students are able to test and then receive instant results. They can also conduct the required tests for many other professional certifications.

The test center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday dependent on proctor availability and costs \$80 per test.

"Students interested in taking a LaserGrade test, should call the center to schedule a time slot," said Nickle.

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New Night Spot Boosts Misawa's Recreational Pleasures

By Victoria Janssen, 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - The Tohoku Enlisted Club has ushered in a new era of membership entertainment with the grand opening of the Fault Line, a warehouse-style, modern night spot with laser lights, a large dance floor, elevated seating area and DJ booth and many other special perks.

The \$160,000 project also includes new furnishings and seating arrangements.

"It's a complete makeover," says Tony Holmes, director of the Misawa Collocated Clubs. Fault Line replaces the old Longhorn Lounge, and is located at the rear of the Tohoku Club.

The Fault Line first opened at the end of February with a performance by the Almost Nuts band. More than 150 people attended the event, and the new facility has been packed ever since. When bands are not scheduled to play at the Fault Line, DJs from NightLife Entertainment spin tunes, playing everything from Latin, Rock and R&B/Hip-Hop to Old School, depending on the night.



Misawa's newest night spot, the Fault Line, has it all: laser lights, vaulted ceiling, large dance floor, elevated seating area and music to satisfy almost every taste.

(Photo by Brenda Akanuma)

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Services Gives Special Gift to Deployed Troops, Their Families

Courtesy of the 911th Services Squadron

Pittsburgh, Pa. -- The 911th Services Squadron put an extra effort into ensuring deployed troops and their family members are being well cared for. Spouses of deployed members were treated to a special Valentines Day night out on the town.

Two spouses from 911th SVS and one from the 911th Maintenance Squadron attended a dinner dance at a fundraiser event for the Boy Scouts of America held at the Fez in Hopewell, Pa., Feb. 14, 2004. The wives received roses from Senior Master Sgt. Donna Penland and enjoyed a nice night out.

Members of the Services Squadron visited the families of deployed members.

While visiting the families at their homes, we found that simple tasks such as, snow removal, taking Christmas decorations down and basic home repairs (such as a running toilet) were a challenge for many of them.

"You don't realize the stress and circumstances that our families who are left behind face, until you actually sit down and talk to them," said Sergeant Penland, 911th Services Squadron, services specialist.

Many of the wives stressed their concerns such as, controlling their children, which was usually handled by the fathers. Services members have volunteered to cut grass, baby sit, and visit with family members who are in the hospital and spend a day with them.

As members of the 911 Airlift Wing, we need to take the extra time to





contact the family members of our deployed troops. They really do appreciate a simple e-mail, phone call or visit.

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Savings Program Assists Deployed Servicemembers

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Deployed servicemembers have the chance to earn a guaranteed 10-percent interest on their savings annually.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials implemented the Savings Deposit Program in August 1990 for servicemembers who were serving in the Persian Gulf conflict. The program progressively changed to include troops assigned to areas outside the United States, on ships, or mobile units. This program includes Operation Iraqi Freedom servicemembers assigned to a combat zone or in direct support of a combat zone.

"A servicemember can contribute up to \$10,000, but interest of 10 percent will not accrue after that amount," said Roger Castillo, program director.

A person can participate in the program if he or she is serving outside the United States or its possessions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and has served at least 30 consecutive days in an area that has been designated as a combat zone or in direct support of a combat zone, he said.

Also, people serving on permanent duty assignments outside the United States or its possessions supporting contingency operations and serving on active duty in the designated area for more than 30 days can participate.

To make a deposit into the fund, people should contact their financial office. Withdrawing the money before leaving the combat zone is not authorized, unless there is an emergency. The last day to make a deposit into the fund is the date of departure from the assignment; however, interest will accrue up to 90 days after their return from deployment.

"This is a great opportunity for servicemembers to accrue at a higher interest rate than at an average interest rate of two or three percent," said Patrick T. Shine, acting director of DFAS.

DFAS officials will post the savings-deposit balance of active-component servicemembers to their leave and earnings statements. (Courtesy of DFAS)

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USAFE Offers \$3K Grand Prize, CONUS Tickets In Command-Wide Membership Drive

Released: March 24, 2004

KAMSTEIN Air Base, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services is hoping to boost membership at officer and enlisted clubs by sponsoring a command-wide club membership drive April 15 through June 1.

"We want to get young airmen, who otherwise don't really know about the clubs, into the doors to see for themselves what we have to offer," said Brian Roush, USAFE Services business operations coordinator.

Focused on ensuring the younger airmen are included, reduced fees and services discounts are just two benefits they can enjoy by joining the club.

For 75 cents a week, Airmen in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman can join a USAFE Services' club, receive valuable "Members First" discounts and get an invitation to a "Members Only Main Event" during the drive. All club members, E-4 and below, will also see their dues reduced to \$3 per month.

Services' clubs are showing their appreciation by entering all new and current club members into various local and USAFE-

level prize contests.

USAFE Services is giving one club member a chance to win a \$3,000 prize package that includes two VIP Gold tickets to the German Grand Prix Formula 1 Race in Hockenheim, Germany, July 23-25. A second member will win two round-trip tickets on American Airlines to anywhere in the continental United States.

"Many airmen think they know the club, but it has changed," said Michael Szymanski, USAFE Services Business Activities chief. "The club is not just for Friday nights; it's a place for single airmen and families to go all week long."

This mindset is the basis of the new USAFE Services campaign 'What about the Club?' It spotlights the club as a clean, convenient, inexpensive option for breakfast, lunch, dinner, social activities and entertainment for the entire family.

"Services' clubs have always had dining rooms with great food and atmosphere, but today most of our clubs offer so much more," said Mr. Roush.

"Every Services club has a lounge, with many offering entertainment on specific nights of the week," he said. "We have it all. Stop by your USAFE club during this membership drive and let us show you what we have just for you."

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Air Force Food Service Announces 2004 Hennessy Trophy Winners

Courtesy of HQ Air Force Services Agency

 S an Antonio, Texas - Air Force Food Service has announced the winners of the 2004 Hennessy Trophy Awards.

Scott Air Force Base, III., is the winner in the single-facility category and Keesler AFB, Miss., is the winner in the multiplefacility category.

The Air Force Reserve Command award winner is the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa. The Air National Guard winner is 162nd Fighter Wing, Tuscon, Ariz.

United States Air Forces Europe Food Service Small Site award winner is 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Station, Germany.

The Hennessy Trophy is an annual award presented to Air Force installations with the best food service programs. This year marks the 48th anniversary of the single and multiple-facility category competion.

The award is based on the entire scope of an installation's food service program. The winners display excellence in management effectiveness, force readiness support, food quality, employee and customer relations, resource conservation, training, and safety awareness.

The Hennessy Travelers' Association award of excellence is determined each year by Hennessy evaluators on both the single and multiple teams. Each team selects an Air Force military food service person who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, attitude, and culinary skill as the recipient of the award of excellence.

Hennessy Travelers' Association nominees for single-facility category are Senior Airman Beatrice Rasdon, Kirtland AFB, N.M. (Air Force Materiel Command); Senior Airman Suzanne House, Luke AFB, Ariz., (Air Education & Training Command); Staff Sgt. Stacy Rodriguez, Misawa Air Base, Japan (Pacific Air Forces); Staff Sgt. Clinton Collier, Scott AFB, III., (AMC); and Staff Sqt. Julie Hanley, Shaw AFB, S.C., (Air Combat Command).

Hennessy Travelers' Association nominees for multiple-facility category are Airman Samantha Ferrell, Dyess AFB, Texas (ACC) Senior Airman Samantha Holloway, Hurlburt Field, Fla., (Air Force Special Operations Command); Tech. Sqt. Jeffrey Pegueros, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom (United States Air Forces Europe); and Staff Sgt. Roxanne McHugh, Osan Air Base, Korea (PACAF).

The winners will be announced at the Air Force awards ceremony May 21, 2004 in Chicago, III. Awards will be presented at the National Restaurant Association show on May 22 also held in Chicago.

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Library's Search for Answers Could Net Prizes

By Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

LAJES FIELD, Azores -- Searching for answers on an Internet-based database could net some USAFE library patrons prizes like an MP3 player, books, and phone cards.

"Information Quest" began across United States Air Forces in Europe bases April 8. Part of the Project Wizard initiative, Information Quest is a way to familiarize people with base library resources, according to Carol Wood, Lajes library director.

"This contest is important to the library because it brings one of the library's great assets -- the databases -- to the forefront," she said. "This contest is a great way to get everyone involved and interested in what the library has to offer."

With 13 computers available, Mrs. Wood said the library here offers access and availability to complete the contest goals. Information Quest contestants will answer a set of questions using the USAFE Virtual Library.

To gain access to the databases, patrons come in and fill out a short form to get a username and password. "Users can also come by and pick up a Data Source Sheet that gives them the database addresses, user ID's and passwords," Mrs. Wood said

The USAFE Virtual Library is a collection of databases library cardholders can access with a username and a password.

Contestants that answer 50 questions correctly will be eligible to win the contest's grand prize, an MP3 player or a compact flash drive, according to the contest rules. Contestants with at least 11 correct answers will enter drawings for books and phone cards. Better than \$5,500 in prizes is available, according to contest organizers.

Melinda Mosley, USAFE Command Librarian, agreed that Information Quest is a great way to familiarize library patrons with the technological resource.

"Information Quest is a fun way to learn about the great resources available at our libraries. I think people will be amazed at where their search for answers leads them and how useful this will be in the future," Ms. Mosley said.

Everyone who answered at least 11 questions correctly from Lajes and elsewhere will be entered in a command-wide drawing. The grand prize is a digital camera. The winner of the camera will be announced the week of May 24, according to contest organizers.

Mrs. Wood said the USAFE Virtual Library could be accessed through any computer with Internet access by going to http://www.usafelibraries.org/.

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Offutt Club Debuts New Menu By Stacey Knott 55th Wing Public Affairs



Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. -- The Offutt Club débuted a new dinner menu March 24 that includes more than 20 new items.

The change is part of an ongoing effort to modernize the club, making it more upbeat and competitive with off-base restaurants, but it wasn't without challenges.

"I had to come up with a menu geared to all ranks and ages," said Don Newland, Offutt Club manager.

The new menu runs the gamut from Mexican to steak, pasta, seafood and a complete new dessert selection.

To discover what customers thought about the changes, Mr. Newland invited 20 couples to try the new menu on March 15. Each person had a different appetizer, entrée and dessert. Two of the reviewers were Tech. Sgt. Molly Denham, U.S. Strategic Command non-commissioned officer in-charge of Command Section Information Management and Master Sgt. Lisa Sleddens, 55th Wing Command Section superintendent.

"The new menu is wonderful," Sergeant Denham said. "If you haven't tried it, it's awesome."

Sergeant Denham had chicken parmesan, which she said was very good, but her favorite part of the meal was the homemade dessert.

"They had a mint brownie pie that was to die for," she said with a happy groan. Sergeant Sleddens also had the chicken parmesan along with shrimp cocktail and peach pound cake for dessert.

"It was so good," Sergeant Sleddens said, "you wanted to be part of the clean plate club. Nothing had to be seasoned, because it was already seasoned perfectly." Sergeant Denham and her family eat out at least once a week, but they had never tried the club for dinner because they thought it would be too expensive.

"It's actually very reasonably priced," she said. "My family and I will definitely be going there for dinner again."

Prices are reasonable because the club gives \$3 off dinner and \$2 off lunch for club members, Mr. Newland explained. Members can also use monthly coupons for additional savings.

"I would say you would be hard pressed to find a restaurant nearby that had the same atmosphere, food quality and price," Sergeant Denham said. "You can't beat it."

Food critic reviews Offutt Club

By Undercover food critic

I wanted to see what all the fuss was about with the new club menu, so I tried the club for dinner with my boyfriend March on 26. When we walked in, I was first struck by the atmosphere and quick service. The dining room was softly lit and candles glowed warmly on the tables. We were immediately greeted and shown to our table. There was no waiting in line; in fact, there was no line at all.

We started our meal with mozzarella sticks and marinara dipping sauce. These were some of the best I've ever eaten. The outside was crisp and golden, but not greasy. The mozzarella was melted, but not so hot that it burned my mouth – I hate it when that happens. The sauce was both tangy and sweet.

Next, we had a small dinner salad. I was pleasantly surprised at the pretty presentation of lettuce, tomato, cucumber, green pepper and shredded cheddar cheese. The salad was fresh and crisp, just as it should be.

Homemade apple cheesecake from the Offutt Club's new dinner menu. The club completely revamped its menu to offer a wider variety with affordable prices. (Photo by Don Newland)



St. Louis Schnitzel, one of the Club's new entrees. It's breaded turkey breast fried to a golden brown with mushrooms. (Photo by Don Newland)

Our entrées were next. My boyfriend had the Atlantic salmon topped with a creamy lobster sauce. The salmon was cooked just right and the sauce was delicious. I had the ribeye steak topped with sautéed onions, bacon and bleu cheese, roasted vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes. The steak was cooked exactly as I requested and was fantastic. The mixture of seasonings put it a step above the ordinary steak. The mashed potatoes were great, too, and had just the right amount of garlic. The veggies were fresh grilled zucchini, yellow squash and green beans. They were tender, but not soggy.

We ended the meal sharing the homemade mint brownie pie. I have to say, it was pure heaven. It is a chocolate brownie with crème de menthe, chocolate ganache and whipped cream. I almost didn't share it.

The verdict: it was a lovely evening. The meal was delicious, the service was fast and friendly and it was affordable. The complete meal for two with an appetizer, two entrées, a dessert, glass of wine and a cup of coffee came to just under \$39, plus the tip. I can handle that.

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Dover Participates in AF Clubs Scholarship Program Courtesy of 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- For eight consecutive years, Air Force Clubs is conducting the Club Member Scholarship Program.

Six individuals will be selected to receive a combined total of \$25,000 in scholarship money given in the program.

Current Air Force officers, enlisted, consolidated, and co-located club members and their families who are accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2004 as a part-time or full-time student are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program.

"Through increased commercial sponsorship, this Air Force Services program is able to offer more scholarships and higher prize denominations," said Shelia Idigpio, 436th Services Business Operations chief.

This year's first place scholarship winner receives \$6,000. Other scholarship amounts include: \$5,500 for second, \$4,500 for third, \$3,500 for fourth, \$3,000 for fifth and \$2,500 for the sixth place winner. These prizes are made possible through partial commercial sponsorship provided by Bank One, Coca Cola, and MasterCard. *No federal endorsement of sponsor intended*.

Nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic: "What freedom means to me."

Each base will nominate a maximum of two scholarship essays for national competition. Air Force Services will announce all the scholarship winners by Oct. 1.

Nominations must include the sponsor's name, last four digits of the sponsor's Air Force club membership card account number, base and club name, entrant's full name and mailing address. If nominee is someone other than the club member, state his or her relationship to the member.

"The Air Force Club Scholarship Program is another outstanding tool used to put members first by offering benefits and rewards," said Ms. Idigpio. "It is also a great opportunity to enhance college and career goals by offsetting its expenses."

In addition, each applicant must also provide a single-page summary of his or her long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic, academic awards and accomplishments. Both the summary and the essay must be attached to the entry application

All nominations require submission to the 436th Services Squadron Marketing Office, 262 Chad St., Room 305, Dover Air Force Base, Dela., 19902, by close of business July 15. Submit all nominations on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman, or equivalent font styles.

Applications are available at the cashier's cage in The Landings Club, Base Library, Fitness Center, Skills Development Center, Aero Club, Bowling Center, Human Resource Office, Youth Center and Family Support Center.

For more information, visit the Air Force Services website at http://www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm

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Dover Honors Its Youngest Members

By Marti Hosterman 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- April is probably one of the busiest, most exciting months in the world of military child care.

Since 1983, the military community has shown appreciation to an important member of the military family – our children, celebrating the Month of the Military Child every April.

This month was chosen as the time to recognize and celebrate the children of all military personnel worldwide.

To celebrate and honor the children of Dover Air Force Base during the MOMC, the Child Development and Youth Centers has a full calendar of events to recognize the special needs of our military children.

Ask the staff at the Child Development Center what the month of April means to them and they will probably say 'fun'.

The celebration kicked off with a parade on April 2. After the parade, several members of the security forces fingerprinted children in the toddler and youth rooms. On April 6, an individual from Delaware State Police spoke to the children in the youth rooms about personal safety. On April 8, a representative from the Humane Society talked with the children about caring for their pets. April 14 was the scheduled date for the Parent Board meeting, convening at 6:15 p.m. It will be a multicultural potluck dinner with all families invited.

In addition to the CDC events, the YC staff is kicking up their heels with more family events.

"The highlight of this month is our carnival scheduled for April 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center," said Gary Winings, 436th Services Squadron Youth Center director. "The MOMC Carnival is one of the largest scheduled events for the youth center."

This event takes place in the YC's gym and represents lots of community involvement with many carnival games, face painting, clowns, music and information booths to update the community.

Entertainment by youth from the YC will also be a big attraction. The Tae Kwon Do team members will do a demonstration to dazzle the audience and the Dover AFB cheerleading team will show off their cheerleading skills.

McGruff the crime dog will circulate through the crowd, clowns will entertain the children and "DJ Rob" provided the music. Admission to the carnival is free.

There was so many activities and game booths to choose from, and it was a lot of wholesome fun for the entire family.

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Travel Cardholders Have Online-Payment Option

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

 $W_{\mathsf{ASHINGTON}}$ -- Airmen with government travel cards can now make payments to their accounts online.

The "MyEasyPayment" system allows Airmen with government travel cards to pay off residual or unexpected charges not covered by split disbursement payments, said Josephine Davis, the Air Force banking liaison officer.

"Split disbursement of travel card payments is mandatory for military members and by default for civilians, but there are unavoidable situations when the split-disbursed amount does not cover your total charges," Ms. Davis said.

Airmen are required to use their government cards for airline tickets, hotels and rental cars for military travel. They may also use their cards to purchase meals and to get cash for incidental expenses.

When Airmen return from travel, they file a voucher so they can be reimbursed for their expenses. That payment, or disbursement, is split between the Airmen's personal-checking account and their travel-card account. Airmen are responsible for indicating how much money should be sent to the travel-card account. If there is a miscalculation of the amount owed on the travel card, there can be residual or unexpected charges still owed.

An example of an unexpected or residual charge is when an Airman makes a purchase overseas and the exchange rate changes before the merchant processes the charge, Ms. Davis said.

"There could be additional money owed there," she said. "Instead of the transaction costing \$50, it may now cost \$52.

Another example is when Airmen lose receipts and forget about charges on their cards.

Despite those types of errors, Ms. Davis said Airmen are still responsible for paying off their accounts in full.

"Just like with any other credit card, it is our responsibility to know what we owe," Ms. Davis said. "Sometimes you need to call the bank and find out what you need to pay. This system gives you the opportunity to make those payments."

Airmen with questions about being reimbursed for unexpected or residual charges on their accounts should contact their military travel pay office, Ms. Davis said. Travelers may need to file an amended travel voucher if they feel they are owed money.

The payment system is available at http://www.myeasypayment.com/. To use the system, cardholders need to know the amount they want to pay on the card, the card's account number and security code, and their checking account and bank routing numbers.

Ms. Davis said cardholders can check their account balance by calling the toll-free number on the back of the card.

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436th SVS Awarded AMC Eubank Services Award

Tammy Stock, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. --- The 436th Services Squadron is the winner of the Air Mobility Command 2003 Major General Eugene L. Eubank Services Award. The Eubank Award recognizes excellence in Services Squadrons at small installations.

"It's been a demanding year, but the men and women of Dover Services have consistently gone above and beyond", said Maj. Jeff Yocum, 436th Services Squadron commander.

This is the first time that Dover's Services Squadron has been selected as the best in AMC since the creation of a second Services award for smaller installations in 1990. "We have always been a player but not a winner until now," said Charles Spragg, 436th SVS Community Support chief.

A team of three inspectors visited Dover Feb. 23-24 to evaluate customer service, facilities, programs, management, and leadership in all 436th SVS activities.

"The evaluators were overwhelmed by all that has happened and continues to happen at Dover Air Force Base", said Major Yocum. "What we did to impress the evaluation team was to show them what our team does every day for the customers."

For Roxanne Lee, 436th SVS Youth Center assistant director, winning Eubank is a way of honoring all the hard work done by Dover AFB services employees.

Dover AFB will represent AMC at the Air Force-level competition.

According to Major Yocum, the Air Force-level evaluation will be in May or June.

"When the YC and Child Development Center staff learned that 436th SVS won the AMC-level award, they asked what needed to be done to win at Air Force level," said Marti Hosterman, Family Member Programs flight chief. "I find that this is meaningful to the squadron because it gives the staff the chance to show off what they do so well."

The same checklist used for the command level is also used for the Air Force-level competition. However, a new evaluation team will be sent out to go over every detail of Services operations to select the best Services squadron in the Air Force.

According to Dave Sawicki, 436 SVS Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental manager, outdoor recreation will continue to provide high quality equipment and services to their customers.

"The outdoor recreation staff welcomes the opportunity to show why the facility was selected as Air Mobility Command's Outdoor Recreation Program of the Year for 2003," said Mr. Sawicki.

The command-level award was presented at the AMC Services Commanders Conference at Scott Air Force Base, III., at the end of March.

"This award belongs to the entire base community," said Major Yocum. "It is certainly a Dover Team success."

Misawa Spices Things up with New Mexican Restaurant

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - If you thought a new nightclub, steak restaurant and refurbished dining facility represented the end of building upgrades at Misawa, think again. Base leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 12 for a fantastic, new Mexican restaurant - yet another facility upgrade designed to improve the quality of life at this bustling northern Japan base.

Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, commander, 35th Fighter Wing, was joined by other base leaders and facility representatives to officially launch Pancho Villa, a Mexican restaurant perched on the Gosser Memorial Golf Course overlooking scenic Lake Ogawara.

Since its opening in late March, Pancho Villa has enjoyed unwavering success among golfers and families alike. Patrons are treated to scrumptious Mexican cuisine with a homemade, fresh taste and a touch of Tex-Mex.

The restaurant's extensive menu consists of everything from Quesadillas, Taquitos and Poppers to Chimichangas, Chalupas and Chile Rellenos, not to mention steak, chicken and seafood from the grill.

Owner and operator David Scott says the restaurant, and one like it at Yokota, are modeled after his original Pancho Villa near Camp Zama that has been operating for more than 10 years.

Mr. Scott, a Beverly Hills, Calif., native who has always been very hands on with the food he serves, says patrons can expect Pancho Villa to serve up flavorful specials using spices and styles of cooking from different areas of Mexico.

"We only use the best ingredients and all meals are made fresh," said Mr. Scott.

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49th Services Squadron Adds Services Day for Newcomers

Courtesy of 49th Services Squadron

Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. – On March 5, the 49th Services Squadron and the 49th Mission Support Squadron added a Services Day to the First Term Airmen's Center training.

The Services Day will give new-to-Holloman Air Force Base airmen a break from the classroom-style training at the FTAC and end their week with a fun day of competition and recreation while they learn about the 49th Services Squadron.

"I want the Holloman FTAC program to be the benchmark for all FTACs," said Tech. Sgt. Danny Davis, FTAC director. "This implementation is just the beginning of more to come! I think it is beneficial to all of us at Holloman to provide our airmen the best and most creative programs we can offer."

The new airmen will begin the day with a golf scramble at the Apache Mesa Golf Course and end with a nine-pin No-Tap bowling tournament at Desert Lanes Bowling Center.

The FTAC airmen will participate in a paintball war, learn the ropes at the Auto Skills Center and see the opportunities offered at the Skills Development Center.

They will also be visiting the Digital Mania Zone and other programs at the community center, the enlisted club and finish with the fitness center.

"Because most airmen are unaware of the vastness of Services programs and activities," said Lt. Col. Terri Toppin, 49th SVS commander, "our goal is to encourage the airmen to take advantage of what we have to offer."

She said the 49th SVS strives to accommodate tight budgets of the airmen by keeping prices reasonable and providing them a quality product for their money.

"Many airmen use the fitness center and dining facilities," Colonel Toppin said, "but many airmen don't take advantage of the other facilities like outdoor recreation, which offers endless activities including white water rafting, sporting trips and tours.

"We want to 'tell the Services story' to our new airmen by offering this exciting day of sports and recreation," she said. "Our goal is to ensure they know what activities are available to them at Holloman."

The services squadron is a big part of the Air Force mission, Sergeant Davis said. Services Day will increase participation in base activities and help boost the morale of newly assigned airmen. Hopefully it will rejuvenate the spirit of the young enlisted core and get them more involved in the military community.

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Keesler's Arts and Crafts Center Receives Grant

By Earlene Smith 81st SVS

Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. - Keesler's Skills Development Center recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Air Education and Training Command to implement youth programs at the facility.

The funds were used to purchase sewing machines, a convection oven, computers and ceramic molds.

A series of fun classes have been scheduled to teach the children how to use the equipment.

In the sewing class, children are taught basic hand stitching and sewing machine operation while making items such as pillows, fleece caps and quilted wall hangings.

Children ages 8 and older are using children's cookbooks to create mouth–watering goodies in the cooking class. They begin with simple items like cookies and desserts, and then progress to casseroles, meats and main dishes. By the end of the class series, they're preparing complete meals.

To celebrate their new culinary skills, each child invites two adults to a sit-down dinner. The students develop the menu and cook and serve the food.

Two computers with printers have been added to the equipment available through the center's youth program. The accompanying age appropriate software, including Kids Pix, Family Tree Maker, Adobe Photoshop, 3D Home Architect, Scrapbook Factory and Print Shop, give youth ages 4 and older an opportunity to express their creativity while improving their computer skills.

Over 20 children's ceramic molds were purchased. Beginner classes for ages 8 and older teaches participants how to pour their own casting, clean the green ware and basic painting techniques. After completing the class, ages 8-12 accompanied by an adult can use the youth molds, while ages 13 and older are allowed to work on their own.



Kendall Carr, 9 year old son of Capt. Brian and Tamara Carr, 738th Engineering Installation Squadron at Keesler AFB, receives instructions on how to operate a sewing machine from Gail Windsor, instructor, at the Skills Development Center.

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At Kadena, A Healthy Heart is a Happy Heart

By Geraldine Diogo 18th Services Marketing

Kadena Air Base, Japan - The Risner Fitness Center at Kadena Air Base held a Healthy Heart Fair on February 25, which was designed to enlighten and inform customers about how they can start and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Attendees of the fair were invited to participate in a number of free assessments, which included: blood pressure checks, body fat assessments, and cholesterol testing.

As well as free testing, the fair featured many different representatives related to the heath and wellness field. Information booths were set up from the following:

Risner Fitness Center, Health and Awareness Center, Dental Clinic, Audiology, Occupational Theraphy, Physical Theraphy, American Red Cross, Nutrition Services, Camp Lester Health Promotions, and Podiatry.

As well as receiving valuable information, participants took advantage of samples of healthy foods and free giveaways such as water bottles and T-Shirts provided by the Risner Fitness Complex.



Lt. Tinsika Riggs, a registered dietician for the U. S. Navy Nutrition Services, explains the importance of a balanced diet. - Photos by: Ernest Curtin, 18th Services Fitness & Sports



Lt. Cdr. Christopher Kardohely, a U.S. Navy podiatrist, was also one of the health professionals at the event.

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CSAF Sight Picture: Character -- The Courage to Do the Right Thing

By Gen. John P. Jumper Air Force chief of staff

Our Air Force has a proud history of accomplishments that traces directly to the quality of people that make up the total Air Force team. At every base, wing, and deployed site our Airmen rise to challenges every day demonstrating their loyalty and dedication. I am proud to be part of this prestigious team. But, I am always dismayed when I learn of an Airman who, as a result of a bad decision, faces disciplinary action. I wonder if there was a way to help this person, or if someone sitting down with this Airman could have prevented this situation. Because of this, I feel it is essential to reinforce the full meaning of our concepts of character and the standards our core values provide us.

Character comprises the emotional, intellectual, and moral qualities that distinguish one group from another -- and the judgment to discern them. Our core values and the unique demands of military service undergird our Air Force character. These values -- Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do -- endure as the fundamental standards of behavior of our Air Force team. But, character can be an elusive concept not readily apparent, as it encompasses so many qualities. The true foundation of character is not merely knowing the right thing to do, but also having a firm conviction and the courage to act upon such knowledge. This conviction requires solid moral fiber and ethical strength to do what is right even if no one is there to witness your actions. Our actions over time define our character, just as our character delineates our lasting reputation. When we make the wrong choices, both our character and our reputation are damaged.

Character can rapidly deteriorate when we fail to hold others and ourselves to the high standards our Air Force profession demands. The responsibility of enforcing core values does not fall solely to senior leaders and commanders. Every Airman must embrace and reflect these values, both on and off-duty. We must reflect these fundamental values in our daily conduct and help develop those attitudes in others. If you see a fellow worker or friend cut corners and don't say anything, you are condoning what they are doing. Failing to correct or report instances where the rules are broken, selectively enforcing rules, or turning a blind-eye to marginal behavior or performance can perpetuate negative attitudes that can infect organizations.

We are all responsible for each other and it is essential that we all share a collective sense of mission, values, and culture. If we don't, we become part of the problem, and jeopardize the mission and the lives of our men and women. Every member of the Air Force must embrace our core values as the guiding light that drives what we do. I challenge each of you to apply this philosophy in your service to the Air Force and this great nation.

Building character is a lifelong journey -- remember, it is not just knowing the right thing to do; it is having the courage to do it. We have a responsibility to ourselves, the Air Force, and our nation to maintain a team of unquestionable character.

Note: General Jumper also released two other Sight Pictures regarding zero mishap safety and motorcycle safety, read their full text at http://www.af.mil/media/viewpoints/safety.html and http://www.af.mil/media/viewpoints/cycle_safety.shtml. shtml.

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Habañero Grill Creates Fresh Alternative to McChord Dining

By Patti "PJ" Jeffrey 62nd Services Squadron

McChord Air Force Base, Wash. - After seven months from conception to grand opening, Habañero Mexican Grill is ready for business at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

What sets this restaurant apart from others on base is the Services squadron command's response to internal market research showing that Airmen wanted an alternative to both fast food and traditional restaurants. The grill concept offers made-to-order burritos, tacos, fajitas and salads with fresh ingredients, ready to go when customers reach the cash register.

The grand opening party held March 16, featured a totally remodeled dining area and kitchen inside Whispering Firs Golf Course's clubhouse, new uniforms for the restaurant staff, and a new concept for restaurants on base.

"We are determined to do a few things very well: To make the best burritos anywhere in less than a minute," said Maj. Justin Hall, 62nd Services Squadron commander, in his welcome speech.

"Some of our objectives for change were to provide a different food service option with a distinct identity, provide a popular option for Airmen ... and take advantage of the current food services industry trend," said Major Hall.

The 62nd Airlift Wing Vice Wing Commander, Col. Rick Martin said that Air Mobility Command jump-started the Habañero concept with a \$40,000 contribution. Deputy Chief of Services Operations, Roy Vaughn, represented the AMC/A7 check at the grand opening

Colonel Martin thanked everyone for their contributions, hard work and labor, including the command, 62nd Services squadron, civil engineering and communications squadron.

"Help spread the word that Habañero is open for business," Colonel Martin said. "We look forward to great things from Habañero Grill."



Maj. Justin Hall, 62nd Services Squadron commander, serves free "nada margaritas" to grand opening participants while hungry patrons line up for made-to-order burritos, fajitas, salads, tacos and sides.



Cutting the ceremonial "ribbon" from left to right are
Ann Rodrigue-Bailey, 62nd Services Squadron
Community Support Flight chief; Col. Rick Martin,
62nd Airlift Wing vice wing commander; Roy Vaughn,
AMC A7 deputy chief of Services operations; Maj.
Justin Hall, 62nd Services Squadron commander; and
Roger Davis, 62nd Services Squadron deputy
commander.

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Learning to Fly is easy at Dover's Aero Club

Courtesy of 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The Flight Training Center at Dover Air Force Base invites all military members, their dependents, retirees, civilian employees and Air Force contractors to stop by and see how easy it is to earn a pilot's license.

"Obtaining a pilot's license can be quick and fairly easy to accomplish," said Joe Nickle, Aero Club manager.

"Students control how long it will take by setting their own pace. Aero club members can train to become a Federal Aviation Administration licensed pilot with a minimum of 35 hours ground training and 35 hours of flight training under the FAA's Part 141 training program, which generally takes a minimum of three months to accomplish."

Staff members at the aero club aid each student pilot in planning their course, using either the FAA's Part 141 or Part 61 program.

The primary difference between the two is the minimum number of hours required to obtain a private pilot's license.

The aero club also offers courses for instrument, commercial, flight instructor and air transport pilot in both single and mult-iengine aircraft.

"By joining the aero club, members not only learn to fly, but also receive some great benefits," said Mr. Nickle. "These include learning how to fly from some of the world's most skilled instructors and \$1 million of insurance coverage when participating in any aero club activity."

In addition, active duty members are allowed to use military benefits such as tuition assistance to offset the cost of ground school. The Department of Veteran Affairs educational benefits may also be used by those eligible to minimize the cost of obtaining rating and certificates above the private pilot's license, including instrument, commercial, multiengine, and flight instructor.

Military pilots may earn their licenses through the Military Competency Program or get add-on class/category rating such as a single engine add-on to their current FAA multi-engine certification.

Licensed members can also skip the problems of airline travel when going on short, temporary duty assignments by using an aero club aircraft to reach their destination through the joint travel regulation. The prices at the aero club are usually 20 to 25 percent less then their civilian equivalent, and this is the only FAA Part 141 school in Delaware that is VA certified.

Additionally, the aero club offers all available FAA knowledge tests, including those required for the Airframe and Power plant mechanics license, with a LaserGrade Computer Testing Center on site.

Being a LaserGrade certified test center, students are able to test and then receive instant results. They can also conduct the required tests for many other professional certifications.

The test center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday dependent on proctor availability and costs \$80 per test.

"Students interested in taking a LaserGrade test, should call the center to schedule a time slot," said Nickle.



Col. Donald Sloan, 512th Operations Group commander, glides through the air in his single engine plane. (Photo by Dan Spearing)

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New Night Spot Boosts Misawa's Recreational Pleasures

By Victoria Janssen, 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - The Tohoku Enlisted Club has ushered in a new era of membership entertainment with the grand opening of the Fault Line, a warehouse-style, modern night spot with laser lights, a large dance floor, elevated seating area and DJ booth and many other special perks.

The \$160,000 project also includes new furnishings and seating arrangements.

"It's a complete makeover," says Tony Holmes, director of the Misawa Collocated Clubs. Fault Line replaces the old Longhorn Lounge, and is located at the rear of the Tohoku Club.

The Fault Line first opened at the end of February with a performance by the Almost Nuts band. More than 150 people attended the event, and the new facility has been packed ever since. When bands are not scheduled to play at the Fault Line, DJs from NightLife Entertainment spin tunes, playing everything from Latin, Rock and R&B/Hip-Hop to Old School, depending on the night.



Misawa's newest night spot, the Fault Line, has it all: laser lights, vaulted ceiling, large dance floor, elevated seating area and music to satisfy almost every taste.

(Photo by Brenda Akanuma)

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Services Gives Special Gift to Deployed Troops, Their Families

Courtesy of the 911th Services Squadron

Pittsburgh, Pa. -- The 911th Services Squadron put an extra effort into ensuring deployed troops and their family members are being well cared for. Spouses of deployed members were treated to a special Valentines Day night out on the town.

Two spouses from 911th SVS and one from the 911th Maintenance Squadron attended a dinner dance at a fundraiser event for the Boy Scouts of America held at the Fez in Hopewell, Pa., Feb. 14, 2004. The wives received roses from Senior Master Sgt. Donna Penland and enjoyed a nice night out.

Members of the Services Squadron visited the families of deployed members.

While visiting the families at their homes, we found that simple tasks such as, snow removal, taking Christmas decorations down and basic home repairs (such as a running toilet) were a challenge for many of them.

"You don't realize the stress and circumstances that our families who are left behind face, until you actually sit down and talk to them," said Sergeant Penland, 911th Services Squadron, services specialist.

Many of the wives stressed their concerns such as, controlling their children, which was usually handled by the fathers. Services members have volunteered to cut grass, baby sit, and visit with family members who are in the hospital and spend a day with them.

As members of the 911 Airlift Wing, we need to take the extra time to contact the family members of our deployed troops. They really do appreciate a simple e-mail, phone call or visit.





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Savings Program Assists Deployed Servicemembers

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Deployed servicemembers have the chance to earn a guaranteed 10-percent interest on their savings annually.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials implemented the Savings Deposit Program in August 1990 for servicemembers who were serving in the Persian Gulf conflict. The program progressively changed to include troops assigned to areas outside the United States, on ships, or mobile units. This program includes Operation Iraqi Freedom servicemembers assigned to a combat zone or in direct support of a combat zone.

"A servicemember can contribute up to \$10,000, but interest of 10 percent will not accrue after that amount," said Roger Castillo, program director.

A person can participate in the program if he or she is serving outside the United States or its possessions supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and has served at least 30 consecutive days in an area that has been designated as a combat zone or in direct support of a combat zone, he said.

Also, people serving on permanent duty assignments outside the United States or its possessions supporting contingency operations and serving on active duty in the designated area for more than 30 days can participate.

To make a deposit into the fund, people should contact their financial office. Withdrawing the money before leaving the combat zone is not authorized, unless there is an emergency. The last day to make a deposit into the fund is the date of departure from the assignment; however, interest will accrue up to 90 days after their return from deployment.

"This is a great opportunity for servicemembers to accrue at a higher interest rate than at an average interest rate of two or three percent," said Patrick T. Shine, acting director of DFAS.

DFAS officials will post the savings-deposit balance of active-component servicemembers to their leave and earnings statements. (Courtesy of DFAS)

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USAFE Offers \$3K Grand Prize, CONUS Tickets In Command-Wide Membership Drive

Released: March 24, 2004

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services is hoping to boost membership at officer and enlisted clubs by sponsoring a command-wide club membership drive April 15 through June 1.

"We want to get young airmen, who otherwise don't really know about the clubs, into the doors to see for themselves what we have to offer," said Brian Roush, USAFE Services business operations coordinator.

Focused on ensuring the younger airmen are included, reduced fees and services discounts are just two benefits they can enjoy by joining the club.

For 75 cents a week, Airmen in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman can join a USAFE Services' club, receive valuable "Members First" discounts and get an invitation to a "Members Only Main Event" during the drive. All club members, E-4 and below, will also see their dues reduced to \$3 per month.

Services' clubs are showing their appreciation by entering all new and current club members into various local and USAFE-level prize contests.

USAFE Services is giving one club member a chance to win a \$3,000 prize package that includes two VIP Gold tickets to the German Grand Prix Formula 1 Race in Hockenheim, Germany, July 23-25. A second member will win two round-trip tickets on American Airlines to anywhere in the continental United States.

"Many airmen think they know the club, but it has changed," said Michael Szymanski, USAFE Services Business Activities chief. "The club is not just for Friday nights; it's a place for single airmen and families to go all week long."

This mindset is the basis of the new USAFE Services campaign 'What about the Club?' It spotlights the club as a clean, convenient, inexpensive option for breakfast, lunch, dinner, social activities and entertainment for the entire family.

"Services' clubs have always had dining rooms with great food and atmosphere, but today most of our clubs offer so much more," said Mr. Roush.

"Every Services club has a lounge, with many offering entertainment on specific nights of the week," he said. "We have it all. Stop by your USAFE club during this membership drive and let us show you what we have just for you."

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Air Force Food Service Announces 2004 Hennessy Trophy Winners

Courtesy of HQ Air Force Services Agency

 $S_{\rm an}$ Antonio, Texas - Air Force Food Service has announced the winners of the 2004 Hennessy Trophy Awards.

Scott Air Force Base, III., is the winner in the single-facility category and Keesler AFB, Miss., is the winner in the multiple-facility category.

The Air Force Reserve Command award winner is the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa. The Air National Guard winner is 162nd Fighter Wing, Tuscon, Ariz.

United States Air Forces Europe Food Service Small Site award winner is 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Station, Germany.

The Hennessy Trophy is an annual award presented to Air Force installations with the best food service programs. This year marks the 48th anniversary of the single and multiple-facility category competion.

The award is based on the entire scope of an installation's food service program. The winners display excellence in management effectiveness, force readiness support, food quality, employee and customer relations, resource conservation, training, and safety awareness.

The Hennessy Travelers' Association award of excellence is determined each year by Hennessy evaluators on both the single and multiple teams. Each team selects an Air Force military food service person who exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, attitude, and culinary skill as the recipient of the award of excellence.

Hennessy Travelers' Association nominees for single-facility category are Senior Airman Beatrice Rasdon, Kirtland AFB, N.M. (Air Force Materiel Command); Senior Airman Suzanne House, Luke AFB, Ariz., (Air Education & Training Command); Staff Sgt. Stacy Rodriguez, Misawa Air Base, Japan (Pacific Air Forces); Staff Sgt. Clinton Collier, Scott AFB, III., (AMC); and Staff Sgt. Julie Hanley, Shaw AFB, S.C., (Air Combat Command).

Hennessy Travelers' Association nominees for multiple-facility category are Airman Samantha Ferrell, Dyess AFB, Texas (ACC) Senior Airman Samantha Holloway, Hurlburt Field, Fla., (Air Force Special Operations Command); Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Pegueros, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom (United States Air Forces Europe); and Staff Sgt. Roxanne McHugh, Osan Air Base, Korea (PACAF).

The winners will be announced at the Air Force awards ceremony May 21, 2004 in Chicago, III. Awards will be presented at the National Restaurant Association show on May 22 also held in Chicago.

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Library's Search for Answers Could Net Prizes

By Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor 65th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

LAJES FIELD, Azores -- Searching for answers on an Internet-based database could net some USAFE library patrons prizes like an MP3 player, books, and phone cards.

"Information Quest" began across United States Air Force in Europe bases on April 8. Part of the Project Wizard initiative, Information Quest is a way to familiarize people with base library resources, according to Carol Wood, Lajes library director.

"This contest is important to the library because it brings one of the library's great assets -- the databases -- to the forefront," she said. "This contest is a great way to get everyone involved and interested in what the library has to offer."

With 13 computers available, Mrs. Wood said the library here offers access and availability to complete the contest goals. Information Quest contestants will answer a set of guestions using the USAFE Virtual Library.

To gain access to the databases, patrons come in and fill out a short form to get a username and password. "Users can also come by and pick up a Data Source Sheet that gives them the database addresses, user ID's and passwords," Mrs. Wood said.

The USAFE Virtual Library is a collection of databases library cardholders can access with a username and a password.

Contestants that answer 50 questions correctly will be eligible to win the contest's grand prize, an MP3 player or a compact flash drive, according to the contest rules. Contestants with at least 11 correct answers will enter drawings for books and phone cards. Better than \$5,500 in prizes is available, according to contest organizers.

Melinda Mosley, USAFE Command Librarian, agreed that Information Quest is a great way to familiarize library patrons with the technological resource.

"Information Quest is a fun way to learn about the great resources available at our libraries. I think people will be amazed at where their search for answers leads them and how useful this will be in the future," Ms. Mosley said.

Everyone who answered at least 11 questions correctly from Lajes and elsewhere will be entered in a command-wide drawing. The grand prize is a digital camera. The winner of the camera will be announced the week of May 24, according to contest organizers.

Mrs. Wood said the USAFE Virtual Library could be accessed through any computer with Internet access by going to http://www.usafelibraries.org/.

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Offutt Club Debuts New Menu

By Stacey Knott 55th Wing Public Affairs

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. -- The Offutt Club débuted a new dinner menu March 24 that includes more than 20 new items.

The change is part of an ongoing effort to modernize the club, making it more upbeat and competitive with off-base restaurants, but it wasn't without challenges.

"I had to come up with a menu geared to all ranks and ages," said Don Newland, Offutt Club manager.

The new menu runs the gamut from Mexican to steak, pasta, seafood and a complete new dessert selection.

To discover what customers thought about the changes, Mr. Newland invited 20 couples to try the new menu on March 15. Each person had a different appetizer, entrée and dessert. Two of the reviewers were Tech. Sgt. Molly Denham, U.S. Strategic Command non-commissioned officer in-charge of Command Section Information Management and Master Sgt. Lisa Sleddens, 55th Wing Command Section superintendent.

"The new menu is wonderful," Sergeant Denham said. "If you haven't tried it, it's awesome."

Sergeant Denham had chicken parmesan, which she said was very good, but her favorite part of the meal was the homemade dessert.

"They had a mint brownie pie that was to die for," she said with a happy groan. Sergeant Sleddens also had the chicken parmesan along with shrimp cocktail and peach pound cake for dessert.

"It was so good," Sergeant Sleddens said, "you wanted to be part of the clean plate club. Nothing had to be seasoned, because it was already seasoned perfectly." Sergeant Denham and her family eat out at least once a week, but they had never tried the club for dinner because they thought it would be too expensive.

"It's actually very reasonably priced," she said. "My family and I will definitely be going there for dinner again."

Prices are reasonable because the club gives \$3 off dinner and \$2 off lunch for club members, Mr. Newland explained. Members can also use monthly coupons for additional savings.

"I would say you would be hard pressed to find a restaurant nearby that had the same atmosphere, food quality and price," Sergeant Denham said. "You can't beat it."

Food critic reviews Offutt Club

By Undercover food critic

I wanted to see what all the fuss was about with the new club menu, so I tried the club for dinner with my boyfriend on March 26. When we walked in, I was first struck by the atmosphere and quick service. The dining room was softly lit and candles glowed warmly on the tables. We were immediately greeted and shown to our table. There was no waiting in line; in fact, there was no line at all.



Homemade apple cheesecake from the Offutt Club's new dinner menu. The club completely revamped its menu to offer a wider variety with affordable prices. (Photo by. Don Newland)



St. Louis Schnitzel, one of the Club's new entrees. It's breaded turkey breast fried to a golden brown with mushrooms. (Photo by Don Newland)

We started our meal with mozzarella sticks and marinara dipping sauce. These were some of the best I've ever eaten. The outside was crisp and golden, but not greasy. The mozzarella was melted, but not so hot that it burned my mouth – I hate it when that happens. The sauce was both tangy and sweet.

Next, we had a small dinner salad. I was pleasantly surprised at the pretty presentation of lettuce, tomato, cucumber, green pepper and shredded cheddar cheese. The salad was fresh and crisp, just as it should be.

Our entrées were next. My boyfriend had the Atlantic salmon topped with a creamy lobster sauce. The salmon was cooked just right and the sauce was delicious. I had the ribeye steak topped with sautéed onions, bacon and bleu cheese, roasted vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes. The steak was cooked exactly as I requested and was fantastic. The mixture of seasonings put it a step above the ordinary steak. The mashed potatoes were great, too, and had just the right amount of garlic. The veggies were fresh grilled zucchini, yellow squash and green beans. They were tender, but not soggy.

We ended the meal sharing the homemade mint brownie pie. I have to say, it was pure heaven. It is a chocolate brownie with crème de menthe, chocolate ganache and whipped cream. I almost didn't share it.

The verdict: it was a lovely evening. The meal was delicious, the service was fast and friendly and it was affordable. The complete meal for two with an appetizer, two entrées, a dessert, glass of wine and a cup of coffee came to just under \$39, plus the tip. I can handle that.

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Dover Participates in AF Clubs Scholarship Program

Courtesy of 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- For eight consecutive years, Air Force Clubs is conducting the Club Member Scholarship Program.

Six individuals will be selected to receive a combined total of \$25,000 in scholarship money given in the program.

Current Air Force officers, enlisted, consolidated, and co-located club members and their families who are accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university for entry during the fall of 2004 as a part-time or full-time student are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program.

"Through increased commercial sponsorship, this Air Force Services program is able to offer more scholarships and higher prize denominations," said Shelia Idigpio, 436th Services Business Operations chief.

This year's first place scholarship winner receives \$6,000. Other scholarship amounts include: \$5,500 for second, \$4,500 for third, \$3,500 for fourth, \$3,000 for fifth and \$2,500 for the sixth place winner. These prizes are made possible through partial commercial sponsorship provided by Bank One, Coca Cola, and MasterCard. *No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.*

Nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less on the topic: "What freedom means to me."

Each base will nominate a maximum of two scholarship essays for national competition. Air Force Services will announce all the scholarship winners by Oct. 1.

Nominations must include the sponsor's name, last four digits of the sponsor's Air Force club membership card account number, base and club name, entrant's full name and mailing address. If nominee is someone other than the club member, state his or her relationship to the member.

"The Air Force Club Scholarship Program is another outstanding tool used to put members first by offering benefits and rewards," said Ms. Idigpio. "It is also a great opportunity to enhance college and career goals by offsetting its expenses."

In addition, each applicant must also provide a single-page summary of his or her long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic, academic awards and accomplishments. Both the summary and the essay must be attached to the entry application

All nominations require submission to the 436th Services Squadron Marketing Office, 262 Chad St., Room 305, Dover Air Force Base, Dela., 19902, by close of business July 15. Submit all nominations on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman, or equivalent font styles.

Applications are available at the cashier's cage in The Landings Club, Base Library, Fitness Center, Skills Development Center, Aero Club, Bowling Center, Human Resource Office, Youth Center and Family Support Center.

For more information, visit the Air Force Services website at http://www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm

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Dover Honors Its Youngest Members

By Marti Hosterman 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- April is probably one of the busiest, most exciting months in the world of military child care.

Since 1983, the military community has shown appreciation to an important member of the military family – our children, celebrating the Month of the Military Child every April.

This month was chosen as the time to recognize and celebrate the children of all military personnel worldwide.

To celebrate and honor the children of Dover Air Force Base during the MOMC, the Child Development and Youth Centers had a full calendar of events to recognize the special needs of our military children.

Ask the staff at the Child Development Center what the month of April means to them and they will probably say 'fun'.

The celebration kicked off with a parade on April 2. After the parade, several members of the security forces fingerprinted children in the toddler and youth rooms. On April 6, an individual from Delaware State Police spoke to the children in the youth rooms about personal safety. On April 8, a representative from the Humane Society talked with the children about caring for their pets. April 14 was the scheduled date for the Parent Board meeting, convening at 6:15 p.m. It will be a multicultural potluck dinner with all families invited.

In addition to the CDC events, the YC staff is kicking up their heels with more family events.

"The highlight of this month is our carnival scheduled for April 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Center," said Gary Winings, 436th Services Squadron Youth Center director. "The MOMC Carnival is one of the largest scheduled events for the youth center."

This event takes place in the YC's gym and represents lots of community involvement with many carnival games, face painting, clowns, music and information booths to update the community.

Entertainment by youth from the YC will also be a big attraction. The Tae Kwon Do team members will do a demonstration to dazzle the audience and the Dover AFB cheerleading team will show off their cheerleading skills.

McGruff the crime dog will circulate through the crowd, clowns will entertain the children and "DJ Rob" will provide the music. Admission to the carnival was free.

There were so many activities and game booths to choose from, and it was a lot of wholesome fun for the entire family.

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Travel Cardholders Have Online-Payment Option

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

 ${\sf W}$ ASHINGTON -- Airmen with government travel cards can now make payments to their accounts online.

The "MyEasyPayment" system allows Airmen with government travel cards to pay off residual or unexpected charges not covered by split disbursement payments, said Josephine Davis, the Air Force banking liaison officer.

"Split disbursement of travel card payments is mandatory for military members and by default for civilians, but there are unavoidable situations when the split-disbursed amount does not cover your total charges," Ms. Davis said.

Airmen are required to use their government cards for airline tickets, hotels and rental cars for military travel. They may also use their cards to purchase meals and to get cash for incidental expenses.

When Airmen return from travel, they file a voucher so they can be reimbursed for their expenses. That payment, or disbursement, is split between the Airmen's personal-checking account and their travel-card account. Airmen are responsible for indicating how much money should be sent to the travel-card account. If there is a miscalculation of the amount owed on the travel card, there can be residual or unexpected charges still owed.

An example of an unexpected or residual charge is when an Airman makes a purchase overseas and the exchange rate changes before the merchant processes the charge, Ms. Davis said.

"There could be additional money owed there," she said. "Instead of the transaction costing \$50, it may now cost \$52.

Another example is when Airmen lose receipts and forget about charges on their cards.

Despite those types of errors, Ms. Davis said Airmen are still responsible for paying off their accounts in full.

"Just like with any other credit card, it is our responsibility to know what we owe," Ms. Davis said. "Sometimes you need to call the bank and find out what you need to pay. This system gives you the opportunity to make those payments."

Airmen with questions about being reimbursed for unexpected or residual charges on their accounts should contact their military travel pay office, Ms. Davis said. Travelers may need to file an amended travel voucher if they feel they are owed money.

The payment system is available at http://www.myeasypayment.com/. To use the system, cardholders need to know the amount they want to pay on the card, the card's account number and security code, and their checking account and bank routing numbers.

Ms. Davis said cardholders can check their account balance by calling the toll-free number on the back of the card.

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436th SVS Awarded AMC Eubank Services Award

Tammy Stock, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. --- The 436th Services Squadron is the winner of the Air Mobility Command 2003 Major General Eugene L. Eubank Services Award. The Eubank Award recognizes excellence in Services Squadrons at small installations.

"It's been a demanding year, but the men and women of Dover Services have consistently gone above and beyond", said Maj. Jeff Yocum, 436th Services Squadron commander.

This is the first time that Dover's Services Squadron has been selected as the best in AMC since the creation of a second Services award for smaller installations in 1990. "We have always been a player but not a winner until now," said Charles Spragg, 436th SVS Community Support chief.

A team of three inspectors visited Dover Feb. 23-24 to evaluate customer service, facilities, programs, management, and leadership in all 436th SVS activities.

"The evaluators were overwhelmed by all that has happened and continues to happen at Dover Air Force Base", said Major Yocum. "What we did to impress the evaluation team was to show them what our team does every day for the customers."

For Roxanne Lee, 436th SVS Youth Center assistant director, winning Eubank is a way of honoring all the hard work done by Dover AFB services employees.

Dover AFB will represent AMC at the Air Force-level competition.

According to Major Yocum, the Air Force-level evaluation will be in May or June.

"When the YC and Child Development Center staff learned that 436th SVS won the AMC-level award, they asked what needed to be done to win at Air Force level," said Marti Hosterman, Family Member Programs flight chief. "I find that this is meaningful to the squadron because it gives the staff the chance to show off what they do so well."

The same checklist used for the command level is also used for the Air Force-level competition. However, a new evaluation team will be sent out to go over every detail of Services operations to select the best Services squadron in the Air Force.

According to Dave Sawicki, 436 SVS Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental manager, outdoor recreation will continue to provide high quality equipment and services to their customers.

"The outdoor recreation staff welcomes the opportunity to show why the facility was selected as Air Mobility Command's Outdoor Recreation Program of the Year for 2003," said Mr. Sawicki.

The command-level award was presented at the AMC Services Commanders Conference at Scott Air Force Base, III., at the end of March.

"This award belongs to the entire base community," said Major Yocum. "It is certainly a Dover Team success."

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Misawa Spices Things up with New Mexican Restaurant

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - If you thought a new nightclub, steak restaurant and refurbished dining facility represented the end of building upgrades at Misawa, think again. Base leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 12 for a fantastic, new Mexican restaurant - yet another facility upgrade designed to improve the quality of life at this bustling northern Japan base.

Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, commander, 35th Fighter Wing, was joined by other base leaders and facility representatives to officially launch Pancho Villa, a Mexican restaurant perched on the Gosser Memorial Golf Course overlooking scenic Lake Ogawara.

Since its opening in late March, Pancho Villa has enjoyed unwavering success among golfers and families alike. Patrons are treated to scrumptious Mexican cuisine with a homemade, fresh taste and a touch of Tex-Mex.

The restaurant's extensive menu consists of everything from Quesadillas, Taquitos and Poppers to Chimichangas, Chalupas and Chile Rellenos, not to mention steak, chicken and seafood from the grill.

Owner and operator David Scott says the restaurant, and one like it at Yokota, are modeled after his original Pancho Villa near Camp Zama that has been operating for more than 10 years.

Mr. Scott, a Beverly Hills, Calif., native who has always been very hands on with the food he serves, says patrons can expect Pancho Villa to serve up flavorful specials using spices and styles of cooking from different areas of Mexico.

"We only use the best ingredients and all meals are made fresh," said $\operatorname{Mr.}$ Scott.





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Air Force Lieutenant Wins USA Track & Field Indoor National Championship

Courtesy of Air Force Fitness and Sports

San Antonio, Texas - 1st Lt. James Parker, Air Force World Class Athlete from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., won the 2004 USA Track and Field Indoor National Championship Weight Throw, held February 26-29 in Boston, Mass.

Lieutenant Parker credited the win to his intense training regimen and fine-tuning his technique during the warm-up session just prior to the official throws.

After throwing a foul on his first throw and a safety throw of 21.78 meters on his second attempt, the lieutenant threw a strong 23.14 meters on his third try. He followed this by a foul on his fourth attempt and then completed the event with the winning throw of 23.18 (76 ft.). This beat his closest competitor by over two feet.

His throws of 23.14 and 23.18 set his personal records for indoor meets. Lieutenant Parker is one of the smallest competitors in the weight throw, and often surprises his opponents with his throws.

His structured training has perfected his torque in the throwing of the 35-pound weight throw.

He attributes his success to participation in the Air Force World Class Athlete Program and the direct opportunity for extensive training in his sport. For more information, contact Steve Brown at DSN 487-3471 or commercial 652-3471.



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- First Lt. James Parker won the 2004 USA Track and Field Indoor National Championship Weight Throw. The competition took place Feb. 26 to 29 in Boston. Lieutenant Parker participates in the Air Force World Class Athlete Program and is assigned to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. (Courtesy photo)

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Patrick's Golf Course Facelift Revamps Greens, Clubhouse

> By Marla Holbert 45th Services Squadron



Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.— Jim Hickey can often be seen greeting customers while driving around in his "Directors" cart at the Manatee Cove Golf Course. But these days he's had to adjust his route, dodging large bulldozers and mounds of dirt.

The dirt and dozers are one of the many "hazards" Mr. Hickey, as well as his patrons, have experienced in recent weeks as the course undergoes a \$3.6 million facelift.

Currently the facility is in the midst of two major changes: construction of a new clubhouse and the renovation of three greens. In a separate appropriated fund project, seven senior-level staff houses are being built at the edge of the course.

Mr. Hickey says the undertaking is well worth the discomfort.

"This project is really going to make it much, much better," he said. "It will slow down the golf course but at the same time, also expedite play. It truly sets the standard for Air Force golf courses everywhere."

The new design, a brainchild of world-renowned golf course designer Tom Fazio, rebuilds the 14th and 15th greens around two man-made lakes. It also relocates and redesigns the new par 3, 191-yard 13th green to the northeast end of the grounds. Both projects should be complete by April 15, Mr. Hickey said.

The 12,000 square foot clubhouse will offer a Floridian theme, complete with a full-service bistro and partially covered patio overlooking the course. Additional amenities include a 1,396 square foot pro shop, bigger locker rooms and an office suite.

John Detmer, Business Operations flight chief for the 45th Services Squadron, said clubhouse construction is ongoing with completion projected for early 2005.

"We don't expect customers will experience any inconvenience during club house construction," Mr. Detmer said. "Our plan is to build the new facility while maintaining the old one. We anticipate that this will provide a seamless transition for our customers."

La Retta Britton, who has played at Manatee Cove for more than 10 years, said she is thrilled about the new changes.

"The creativity in the way that the holes are changing is wonderful," she said. "I've seen the designs and it looks like there is going to be a much more spacious lounge and locker area. I think the bag storage area is going to be much more adequate for the volume of bags they have--very organized and extremely efficient. It's really going to be exciting."

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Airmen Win Two Gold Medals at Wrestling Championship

San antonio, Texas -- Staff Sgt. Steven Woods, of the 10th Services Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., won the 74-kilogram (163-pound) weight class in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2004 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships. Second Lt. Kevin Hoy, of the 10th SVS, won the 120-kilogram (264.5-pound) weight class in Freestyle wrestling. The championship event was March 4 to 8 at Naval Air Station New Orleans.

In his first match, Sergeant Woods defeated second-ranked Army Staff Sgt. Keith Sieracki, 4-2. His second match was against sixth-ranked Marine Cpl. Curtis Barnes. After winning this match, 4-3, he won his final match against Navy Seaman Jason Nichols with a decisive 14-0 technical superiority score.

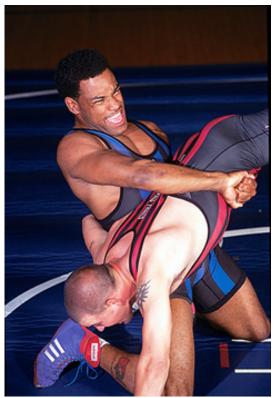
Staff Sgt. Jacob Hey, of the 21st SVS at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and Staff Sgt. Corey Farkas, of the 10th SVS, won silver medals in the Greco-Roman Championship.

Sergeant Hey competed in the 60-kilogram (132-pound) weight class, and Sergeant Farkas competed in the 120-kilogram (264.5-pound) weight class.

Second Lt. Hoy defeated Army Sergeant Paul Devlin, 5-4 in his first match. He then went on the beat Navy Lt. Josh Feldman, 7-4, and Marine Corps Capt. Frank Workman, 7-5.

Second Lt. Christopher Bennett, of the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla., won a silver medal in the 66-kilogram (145.5-pound) Freestyle.

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LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Staff Sgt. Steven Woods (in blue) took the gold medal in the 74-kilogram (163-pound) weight class in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2004 Armed Forces Wrestling Chapionships. Sergeant Woods is assigned to the 10th Services Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. (Courtesy photo)

High Bowler Incentive



High Bowler Incentive Rocket Lanes Manager Barbara Holt spray paints dilapidated bowling pins as part of a new recycling program at the bowling center. Pins that are deemed unusable are painted bright colors and handed out to "high bowlers" during the center's appreciation days each month. Appreciation days recognize different organizations at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station by offering 50-cent bowling and 50-cent shoe rentals on designated days. Members of the Operation Support Squadron will be honored on March 22; the Air Force Technical Applications Center will be acknowledged April 5; and the Medical Support Squadron will be recognized April 19.

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Team Osan member named top boxer in Air Force

By 1st Lt. Tom Montgomery 51st Fighter Wing Public affairs

Osan Air Base, Korea - When Senior Airman John Askew was growing up as the youngest sibling in his family, he admired his brothers and sisters for their talent in sports like football, baseball and track but bucked the trend when he became a boxer at 17.

He never dreamed he would be an elite athlete, able to dominate other young men in single combat. Airman Askew is the second ranked boxer in the entire U.S. military for the junior welterweight class.

He is the top boxer in the Air Force, and was one loss away from a spot on the U.S. Olympic team during the Interservice Boxing Championships this fall at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He became a boxing prodigy in a matter of months when he began training the summer before his senior year at DeSoto High near Dallas, Texas. He earned his first of many Golden Gloves titles in the winter of that year.

The success did not come without pain. His gym was



Senior Airman John Askew (left), 51st Medical Operations Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, practices his boxing skills. Airman Askew is the top boxer in the Air Force. (Photo by Airman Stacie Gallegos)

run by Curtis Cokes, former welter weight world champion and hall of fame inductee. The gym was a favorite of Dallas Cowboys players such as Michael Irvin and sometimes Troy Aikman.

His days began at 4 a.m. with a three-mile run before school. After school workouts consisted of strength and conditioning, technique and sparring. Then on the way home, Airman Askew and his father would discuss ways to improve. Once home and when his school work was completed, he would watch tapes of talented boxers such as Oscar De La Hoya, Floyd Mayweather, and Shane Mosley.

"It was eat, sleep and drink boxing," said Airman Askew.

After high school, it was apparent that boxing was natural for Airman Askew but the constant traveling and associated costs of bouts began taking its toll. He found out that the Air Force team trained in San Antonio at Kelly Field, just three hours from his hometown.

After talking to the Air Force coach, he crossed into the blue and has made the Air Force team every year since 2001, and has won his weight class each of those years.

This fall, Airman Askew locked his eyes on the Athens Olympics. His chance at a spot on the team would come if he could be the top boxer in the U.S. military for his weight class at the interservice championships.

He trained and fought as part of the Air Force team this fall. The team trains three to four months out of the year. They train all day, until boxers collapse into their beds at 8 or 9 p.m. "Training; you might say it's vigorous; it's tough," assured the Osan AB boxer.

The sport isn't for "old men" in their mid-thirties. The oldest member of the team is 30 while the youngest is 20. The average age is about 24, which is Airman Askew's age.

Boxing, one of the world's oldest sports, is not a sport that only allows success to those who give less than 100 percent in and out of the ring. Boiled down, boxing is simple, primal and gladiatorial; it's two men trying to inflict maximum damage on the other, while minimizing damage to themselves.

"It's an individual sport; whatever you put in, you get out," said Airman Askew. "When I'm boxing, everybody paid their money to watch me fight. The spotlight is on," he said.

Getting a slot on the Air Force team is competitive. Once an Airman makes the team, he is on permissive temporary duty and lodged in billeting at Kelly to complete his season.

"It takes a lot of dedication to play Air Force sports. In all sports, softball, volleyball, soccer, golf and even bowling; it takes a lot of sacrifice," said Airman Askew. "You may not be able to do other things you enjoy because of the training schedules," he said.

He trains three to four times a week at Osan's fitness center and is a member of the boxing club, which he says is a great way to get introduced to the sport. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

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Road to Fitness Can Be Bumpy

By Senior Airman Kara Philp 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. - For some Air Force members, the road to better health and fitness is a bumpy one.

For people with disappointing waist measurements, health officials have information and advice to help.

When combined with the run and strength components of the fitness test, abdominal circumference is a good indicator of a person's overall fitness level.

"The new fitness assessment is based on the three components ... to impact a person's health and fitness: cardiovascular health, strength and body composition," said Capt. Risa Riepma, 56th Medical Group health promotions manager.

Each portion of the assessment is important. The final score is a calculation of all three.

According to several research studies, abdominal circumference is an independent risk factor for disease.

"This means that your height and age is not a factor," Captain Riepma said. "If your waist exceeds 35 inches (females) or 40 inches (males), you are at greater risk for diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some types of cancer."

According to Captain Riepma, this places more of the responsibility on the person to make physical fitness a daily concern.

"This is not a pass or fail program, but an assessment that always leaves room for improvement," she said. "We all should be continuously striving to improve our health and fitness and not become complacent or frustrated with our initial score."

Physical training is the backbone of fitness enhancement, Captain Riepma said. She has several recommendations for proper weight loss.

"Make sure you're engaging in cardiovascular activity for at least 30 minutes at a high enough intensity (so) you feel like your body is stressed (usually 70 to 85 percent of max heart rate) several times each week," she said.

Running, cycling, swimming continuously and aerobics are good examples of cardiovascular activity. Basketball and

racquetball do not count as aerobic activity.

Strength training is important for gaining muscle mass and increasing metabolic rate.

"I'd have to say if one is pressed for time, cardiovascular activity is more critical," she said.

Captain Riepma suggests keeping a food record to document everything consumed and to estimate portion sizes.

"People usually overestimate the amount of exercise they do and underestimate the amount of food they eat," she said.

"This is a good tool to increase awareness of food choices and portions."

Weight doesn't come off overnight, she added.

"Most Americans like to see quick results, but if they want to lose it healthfully, it's a gradual process," she said.

Captain Riepma said don't gauge progress by the scale alone.

"Muscle may be replacing fat," she said. "Since muscle weighs more than fat, you would not see an improvement unless you tape or pay closer attention to how your clothes are fitting."

When people lose weight, it comes from all over your body.

"There is no way to 'spot reduce,' which means when you lose weight it will come from all over your body not just one location," Captain Riepma said.

Whether you have several inches to lose or a half inch, the recommendations are the same. Sit-ups will help tone abdominal muscles, but there needs to be a calorie deficit that comes from exercise and consuming fewer calories in order for fat to be lost.

"Body wraps and diet pills are costly, temporary and often unsafe. I don't recommend them," Captain Riepma said.

For people looking to go the extra mile, Captain Riepma suggests a personal trainer, fitness or weight-loss buddy.

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Rhein-Main Fitness Challenge Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers



Individual honors: Rowing (1,000-meters) -Kevin Smith, 469th ABG SF Pull-ups -Joseph Moos, 469th ABG SF (16) Sit-ups (1 minute) - Rob Harrington, 469th ABG Services Flight (63) Push-ups (1 minute) -Timothy Bolon, 469th ABG (58) Run (1 mile)-Matthew Hansen, 469th ABG Clinic





Eight five-member teams (to include at least one female) from around Rhein-Main competed in the first fitness challenge Feb. 27 at the fitness center. (Clockwise from above) Ray Rabatin, 469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight and Tanesia Lyles, 64th Replacement Company, give a gut-check performance. Matthew Orlowsky, 469th ABG Services Flight rows, rows, rows his boat home in the 1,000-meter rowing competition. Matthew Hansen, 469th ABG clinic legs home a victory in the one-mile run. Jeffery Willis, pumps out "Armystyle" push-ups. (Center) Joseph Moos, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight, takes a victory by the hair of his chinny, chin chin.





Team awards: 1st place - 469th ABG Fire Department (photo at right) 2nd place - 469th ABG Security Forces "A" Flight 3rd place - 64th Replacement Company Headquarters

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National Program Provides Innovations To Youth Sports

By Tammy Stock, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- Parents at Dover Air Force Base have a special opportunity to help their children develop sports skills through a unique national program called "Smart Start."

The program started on March 9 at Dover AFB Youth Center and will be held every Tuesday for six weeks from 1 to 2 p.m.

"This instructional program is a clear, concise, positive, and proven program that prepares children for the world of organized sports without the threat of competition or fear of getting hurt," said Don Stock, youth center sports director.

The Smart Start Sports junior program is recommended for youngsters ages 2 - 4 years old, whose parent or another adult is able to attend the six one- hour sessions with them.

According to Mr. Stock, this program teaches parents the proper way to develop skills with their children while building confidence that will enable them to enjoy participation in youth sports programs.

The sessions are designed for a minimum of four parent-child members in each group filling up on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We are excited about participating in the national program," said Mr. Stock. "The Youth Center is always looking for innovative ways to help improve youth sports and this program certainly helps."

The Smart Start Program targets parents who want to help their child develop the basic motor skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and batting that are needed to participate in sports.

"Children are not little adults and they learn and understand differently than adults," said Mr. Stock. "All kids need lots of encouragement."

Smart Start activities are arranged from simple to complex, allowing the child to complete a task successfully before moving on to the next activity. Each child will be provided many practice trials during the classes.

"The main objective of Smart Start is to develop the basic motor skills kids need to be successful in sports," said Gary Winings, 436th Services YC director. "However, this program will also instruct parents on how to properly teach their child these skills."

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Kids Only Roxanne Lee, 436th Services Squadron Youth Center, assistant director, hands Mollee Crampton, age 15, a "Kids Only" backpack filled with a camera, tape recorder, phone card, picture frame, paper, pencil, pen, and more. The backpack is offer to children, 6-18 years old, with deployed parents. Children can pick up a "Kids Only" backpack at Dover AFB Youth Center. (Photo by April Crampton)

CMSAF Talks Fitness, Force Shaping

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii -- During a visit here March 15, the top enlisted Airman talked about fitness and force shaping.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray explained there was no plan to use the new fitness assessment as a part of the Weighted Airmen Promotion System.

"(Leaders have) talked about a possible change to the enlisted-performance report that might include a new line about physical-fitness standards," said the chief. "But other than that, right now there is no talk of changing the WAPS."

Another topic the chief addressed was force shaping.

To clear up confusion, Chief Murray said it should not be looked at as a means to reduce the force, but a way to reshape it to meet the expeditionary needs of today's Air Force.

He also said the reshaping will not increase the air and space expeditionary forces rotation.

Chief Murray said taskings "are based against our authorization, not against our manning."

After the first round for Airmen to submit applications to exit active duty under the force-shaping plan, the Air Force fell short of the anticipated goal.

"The good news to this is that people are not rushing to get out of our Air Force -- it's a great time to serve our nation," he said. "It's a testament to the quality of life and the commitment to service.

"We don't want to lose a single quality Airman from our force who wants to stay in," he said.

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Software helps Airmen track fitness progress

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News he Air Force recently released a tool to help Airmen keep track of their fitness efforts.

The Air Force Fitness Management System is available to all Airmen through the Air Force Portal. The system provides a history of their fitness scores and allows unit fitness managers to enter new scores. It is now the official method to track fitness progress within the Air Force, said Maj. Maureen Harback, the system's program coordinator.

"The purpose of the (system) is to track fitness-assessment results and provide data to commanders," Major Harback said. The system is intended for active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen.

The system will keep a history of each Airman's fitness scores. The data is not stored on paper in an Airman's record or even on a computer at an Airman's installation, but rather in an Air Force-wide database. This allows fitness scores to travel with Airmen automatically as they change stations. The universal availability of the data helps ensure Airmen stay current on their fitness assessments, Major Harback said.

"If an Airman transfers to another base and is not current on their fitness assessment, they will show up as not current in the (system)," Major Harback said. "Unit fitness program managers and commanders will then need to take action on those members."

Many units are still doing monthly practice assessments so Airmen can get themselves into shape for an official assessment. The system does not record practice assessments, but it does include a calculator allowing Airmen to enter in numbers from their practice assessments to see how they would score, Major Harback said.

"Airmen will have better visibility of their fitness over time, and they can take actions to address their deficiencies or continue working on their strengths," she said.

This fall, commanders will be able to generate reports to track an Airman's progress through education and intervention programs, Major Harback said.

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Air Force Women win Armed Forces Basketball Championship

San Antonio, Texas - The Air Force won the 2004 Armed Forces Women's Basketball Championship by upsetting the perennial championship Army team in the final at a double round-robin championship, hosted by Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., April 2-10.

The powerhouse Army team had won the championship every year since the Navy defeated them in 1991 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

This was only the second time since the inception of the tournament in 1978 that the Army has not won the title. The Air Force won their only title over 23 years ago at Chanute Air Force Base in 1981.

The Air Force opened the tournament by defeating the host Marine Corps team behind Eielson Air Force Base's Airman 1st Class Naomi Mobley's 17 points.

The 6'3" center also collected seven rebounds. Langley Air Force



Base's Senior Airman LySchale Jones scored 10 points, while Elmendorf Air Force Base's Airman 1st Class Staci Muller added 9 points. Laughlin Air Force Base's 1st Lt. Lindsay Logsdon and Aviano Air Base's Airman 1st Class Nicole Bowman each contributed 8 points to the balanced Air Force scoring attack that ended with a 79-52 win.

The Army won the second game of the tournament by beating the Navy 69-62.

The Air Force followed up their first day win by defeating the Navy team 90-74. Mobley scored 21 points in this game, with Jones' three 3-pointers helping her compile a 16-point game total. Eglin Air Force Base's Airman 1st Class Mariela Miles scored 13 points from her point guard position, while Dover Air Force Base's forward 2nd Lt. Angelia Rougeau totaled 11 points and 4 rebounds. The Army beat the Marine Corps 63-53 to close the second day of the tournament.

On the third day, despite strong scoring by Mobley and Rougeau, 18 and 14 points respectively, the Army beat the Air Force team 64-61. The Navy beat the Marine Corps earlier in the day by a score of 66-45.

Miles' got the Air Force back on the winning track, scoring 19 points from her guard position to lead the Air Force to their second win over the Marine Corps 67-45. Mobley and Jones pitched in 13 and 12 points. The Army defeated the Navy 60-46.

Mobley's 23 points and Miles' 13 points again led the team to an important 67-46 win over the Navy. Later that same day, the Army beat the Marine Corps 65-60. This win lead to a final showdown with the Air Force team.

The Air Force had to beat the Army by at least three points in the final game to win the championship (based on final win –loss record and actual head-to-head results in the tournament).

The championship game commenced after the Navy defeated the Marine Corps 78-46 for third place in this tournament. After leading by as many as 11 points, the Air Force went into half-time trailing 41-40. However, the balanced scoring of the Air Force team (Mobley's 24, Miles' 18, Bowman's 14, and Rougeau's 12) lead the Air Force team to an exciting 81-74 final victory over the Army.

Mobley was the only non-Army player selected to the All-Tournament Team. She was selected as the best center at the championship, while the Army's Specialist Andreia Hinton and Specialist Evetta Crawford were selected as starting forwards. Sgt. Tarina Loyd and Cpl. Tereska Watkins were designated as the All-Tournament shooting and point guards.

Air Force team members selected to the combined Armed Forces Women's Basketball Team that will advance to Armed Forces at the National Pro-Am Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev., April 21-25 include Miles, Logsdon, Jones and 2nd Lt. Adrienne Beard (Barksdale Air Force Base).

Due to duty commitments Mobley and Rougeau were not available to advance to this event.

The Air Force coaching team of Master Sgt. Larry Glover (Ramstein Air Base), Master Sgt. Thomas Highsmith (Patrick Air Force Base), and Joyce Jenkins of Elkton, Md., will coach the Armed Forces

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Air Force Wrestling Team Wins National Title

By Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS -- The Air Force wrestling team won its second consecutive national team title, took home two Greco-Roman division medals and added an unexpected name to the 2004 Olympic trials roster during the U.S. National Wrestling Championships here April 9 and 10.

Greco-Roman wrestlers Steve Woods took the silver in the 163-pound division and Aaron Sieracki won a bronze in the 184-pound division. Winning the medals pushed the Air Force team past the Sunkist Kids team by 5 points for the Division 2 Greco-Roman National Team Championship. In all, seven of 14 Airmen scored, earning the team a total of 25 points.

"We had a mixture of veterans and new members in the two-day competition and this is always a challenge," coach Richard Estrella said. "Our goal was to gel together as a team, and that carried us through, and we peaked at a good time."

A 10-year wrestling veteran and World Class Athlete Program member, Woods grabbed the seat in the finals of the 163-pound Greco-Roman division after defeating two-time national champion and 2002 fifth place world wrestling champion T.C Danzler, 2-1, in the semifinals. An unsuccessful effort to pin Darryl Christian of the New York Athletic Club in the final 10 seconds of the finals match cost Woods the gold. But his victory over four-time national champion and armed forces champion Keith Sieracki, of the Army, during earlier 2004 championship competition earned him a spot in the U.S. Olympic trials. The trials take place May 21 to 23 in Indianapolis.

"The Air Force is often thought of as a softer force when compared to the other services," Woods said. "So when I get that chance to beat a Marine or soldier, it makes that win that much more satisfying because I get to show them we are a strong fighting force."

The Air Force team had two others make it to the semifinal round. Jacob Hey finished fourth in the 132-pound division, and Corey Farkas finished fifth in the 264-pound division.

In other bouts, Anthony Booker finished eighth in the 121-pound division, Aaron Sieracki finished third in the 184-pound division, Philip



LAS VEGAS -- Philip Johnston, a 211.5-pounddivision Greco-Roman wrestler, lifts an opponent during his final match in the 2004 U.S. National Wrestling Championships held here April 9. Johnston finished seventh in his division. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel DeCook)



LAS VEGAS -- Steve Woods, 2004 armed forces champion in the 163-pound Greco-Roman wrestling division, spins an opponent during the U.S. National Wrestling Championships here April 9. Woods took the silver in his division and will represent the Air Force at the U.S. Olympic trials May 21 to 23 in Indianapolis. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel DeCook)

Johnston finished seventh in the 211-pound division, and Kevin Hoy finished fifth in the 264.5-pound Men's Freestyle division. The finishes qualified all seven for the U.S. Olympic trials where they will all battle for a chance to compete at the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, in August.

"I expected to see this (type of performance) from all my guys, and they stepped up to the plate," said Estrella, who has coached the Air Force team for 17 years. "A true tribute to the program was that Anthony (Booker) is a first-year wrestler, and he capitalized on a small break to make it to the trials."

Booker's break came when two-time Olympian and silver medalist, national champion and world champion Dennis Hall withdrew because of an injury in the beginning of the event. Booker went on to win in the consolation quarter-final 7-5, which placed him in the Olympics trials.

The team returns to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., to begin training for the trials.

"Though it seems as if we had a successful weekend, we are not satisfied just yet," Estrella said. "We expect to do well during the trials and have one or two Airmen on the Olympic team. We even expect them to win a medal at the Games. We're not changing anything we're doing. ... We're going to work, right back to work to prepare for Indianapolis."

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Ladies Take Control of Eagle Creek Golf Course

Courtesy of 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The free annual Ladies' Golf Clinic drew more than 25 ladies to the Eagle Creek Golf Course on April 24 to learn golfing fundamentals of golf from instructor John Ray.

Mr. Ray, United States Golf Teachers Federation certified professional golf instructor, will provide an introduction to the game of golf. During the introduction, Mr. Ray will address the student's questions, perceptions, and expectations of what they will learn on the links.

Fran Estabrook, Eagle Creek Golf Course manager, explained the clinic encourages interest in the game as well as a good way to introduce women to the rules and etiquette of golf.

This clinic is open to women who are active duty, retired military, spouses, family members and Department of Defense personnel.

"Our program is designed exclusively to meet the unique instructional needs of woman golfers and covers all aspects of the game, from how



John Ray, United States Golf Teachers Federation certified professional golf instructor, answers the questions and concerns of the participants during last year's golf clinic held at Eagle Creek Golf Course.

(Courtesy photo)

to hold the clubs to driving and putting," said Ms. Estabrook. "We want to give them those fundamental skills needed to take them from the practice tee onto the course."

To help achieve this goal, the clinic offers the women a chance to play nine-holes of golf following the clinic.

"We want to provide them with the opportunity to utilize their new skills on the course," said Ms. Estabrook. "It also gives them the chance to try the game and find out if it is the right sport for them prior to investing in the equipment as well as providing them with the confidence to play the course in either a recreational or tournament setting."

According to Ms. Estabrook, the course staff is trying to enhance their women's program by providing the free clinic, offering lessons, and bringing the fairways closer to the tee boxes for the second shot.

"We want to provide more golfing opportunities for women, because according to national statistics, more women are playing golf than ever before and make-up more than 21 percent of all golfers," said Ms. Estabrook. "They also account for more than 40 percent of beginner golfers. By increasing our women's membership, we can participate in reciprocal tournaments and show them the great opportunities available for women golfers."

Ms. Estabrook also said, "Women who play golf realize it is more than a game; it is a great way to spend more time with the family, enhance business contacts, socialize and meet new people."

Mr. Ray offers a variety of lessons through the golf course for those not familiar with the game or interested in learning how to play.

"He offers individual and group instruction, as well as providing golf clinics for beginners through advanced students," said Ms. Estabrook. "He teaches all phases of the game to all levels of ability."

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Outdoor Recreation Sets Its Sites on Misawa

By Victoria Janssen, 35th Services Squadron



Misawa Air Base, Japan - Outdoor fun has begun in earnest in northern Japan with the annual opening of Misawa's paintball field, and skeet and trap range.

Whether you prefer the precision marksmanship required by skeet and trap shooting or the challenge of adrenalin-pumping paintball, Misawa's Outdoor Recreation Center has everything you need to have fun

The Skeet & Trap Range, while not quite as popular as the Paintball Field, always attracts regulars who enjoy testing their skills. Guns, ammunition and the clay pigeons that are used as targets are all available from Outdoor Rec. For the Paintball Field, Outdoor Rec also has a full line of paint guns available for sale and rent, as well as paint and all the necessary safety accessories.

Outdoor Rec carries an expanded line of paintball products in its retail store. They also maintain a good selection of accessory products at the paintball facility to support those "must have" needs, such as gloves, loader tubes, harnesses, squeeges and, of course, paintballs.

"While we can't compete with the bargains folks can find on the Internet, we have been able to get select products to offer at reasonable prices," says Ron Stark, assistant director of Misawa's Outdoor Recreation.

Most paintball products will remain in Outdoor Recreation's main building so customers can shop seven days a week, instead of just on Saturdays and some Sundays.

New this year will be an expanded selection of paintballs to include PMI Premium and All-Star brands. PMI Premium paint is a big seller because it flies straighter than the competition's tournament paint and breaks with a non-staining fill that is relatively easy to clean up. PMI All-Star paintballs consistently break on target with remarkable accuracy.

Only paint sold by ODR may be used on the base's field, and this policy is strictly enforced. The penalty for violating the field paint rule is suspension for the day with no refunds.

Outdoor Recreation also has announced the opening of the Batting Cage and Mini-Golf. Next month, the popular base beach along the scenic Lake Ogawara will open its gates for the summer. No federal endorsement of products intended.







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Good Enough To Eat



Jim Sellers, National Restaurant Association, observes Staff Sgts.
Juhmal Webb (right) and Stacy Rodriguez, 35th Services Squadron,
prepare beef porcupines during the Hennessy Evaluation Team visit to
Misawa Air Base, Japan, Feb. 25. Mr. Sellers was one of four team
members to evaluate the base's food service program. Misawa is one
of eight Air Force installations competing for the 2004 John L.
Hennessy Jr. Trophy. The award is based on several categories,
including management effectiveness, food quality, customer service,
training and safety.

(Photo by Senior Airman Mary Weaver)

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NEWSVIEWS

Youth Tech Learning Lab opens By Patti "PJ" Jeffrey

62nd Services Squadron Marketing editor

McChord Air Force Base, Wash. -- Emily Cartwright enters the lab, sits down, signs onto one of the new laptops and is ready to roll. She has been on a learning curve that is sending her confidence soaring.

Emily is currently, well into the second-level tutorial — Skill Tech II — that teaches youngsters all about computer components and hardware. At the end of the course, she, along with the rest of her group, will build a real computer.

"I want to learn how to type faster and better," said the 11-year-old of her computer skills goals. "I also found out I didn't know as much as I thought I did about computers once I began to go through Skill Tech."

Emily is one of the first group of 10 Youth Center members taking advantage of the new Technology Learning Lab inside the youth center.

The Beaumont Foundation of America and Boys & Girls Clubs of America recently awarded the youth center 10 laptops loaded with software, four digital cameras, an LCD projector and a color printer for its new learning lab.

"We competed with 8,000 other applicants for this grant," said Gary Tillotson, Family Member Programs Flight chief. "Only 320 of these \$25,000 grants were awarded nationwide. We feel fortunate to offer McChord community's youth center members such a rich learning opportunity."

Youth Center members ages 6 through 18 who take part in the computer lab are catapulted far ahead of the curve on their way to computer skills and Internet use.

As part of the grant, Jack Green, Youth Center program director, has taken training on how to lead groups of youngsters through the tutorials and supervising learning activities in the lab. Every youth has one-on-one time with "Mr. Jack," who guides them through tutorials, answers questions, plans class projects and keeps tabs on students.

Each computer is loaded with age-appropriate software tutorials. The tutorials not only cover computer and Internet safety skills, but introduce youngsters to media, photography, music and other creative and office software packages.

For instance, the digital arts suite teaches students how to design web pages, take digital photographs and apply them to computer design, create movies and make music. They learn the basics of Front Page, Picture It! and Photoshop Elements.

Class projects entail brainstorming on creating original designs for web pages and discussing the possibility of a digital arts festival.

Students also learn how to create a three-slide PowerPoint presentation using Microsoft Word and Excel.

"Children can apply everything they learn here to a future career," said Mr. Green. "When students complete our workshop, they will understand the basics of a computer, both internal and external; know basic network administration skills — such as networking and IP addresses — and have a thorough knowledge of how the Internet works and how to stay safe when using the Internet. These tutorials take the confusion and mystery out of computers."



Jack Green, Youth Center program director, instructs Emily Cartwright on one of several technical skills tutorials in the new Learning Lab at the youth center. Emily is one of 10 youth center members piloting the first group of Learning Lab students.

Mr. Green meets with his group of students once a week for about an hour to work in the learning lab. During practice sessions, youngsters learn how to log into web communities and learn how club professionals can upload club folders onto web communities, such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

Teens can explore a Boys & Girls Clubs teen chat site and create a class chat site. Every student will also learn how to develop personal safety on the Internet with specific strategies for keeping themselves safe from viruses and potential predators.

The tutorials are easy to follow, with animated guides who talk students through learning times and storylines with reviews at the end of each section. When beginning students feel ready to move on to the next level, they can begin a new tutorial on the same subject at the next age level, or they can simply learn all the different tutorials at their own age level.

"The lab is not for playing games on the computer," said Mr. Tillotson. "It's a bona fide learning center. Individuals who want to take advantage of it will need to get their parents or their guardian to sign them up for the next available group who will use the lab for a number of weeks."

According to Mr. Green, even though he is the learning lab's administrator and focal resource point, he isn't on his own. Ft. Lewis already has a few technical centers with their own trained facilitators who can be called on for advice if any problems occur.

"We are capitalizing on their experience with technology to best utilize ours," he said. "We expect that this lab is going to be used by a lot of Youth Center members, which is really exciting for everyone. It's going to be a great exploring and learning time once we get into full swing."

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WNEWSVIEWS

Brian McKnight Performs at Kadena

By Ruth Ruffin 18th Services Marketing

Kadena Air Base, Japan -- World-renowned R & B singer, Brian McKnight performed two live concerts for excited fans at Kadena Air Base February 27-28. Approximately 1000 lucky Air Force Club members received free tickets to the show, which was hosted by the 18th Services Squadron at the Rocker NCO Club.

During the hour-long performances, Mr. McKnight, who was accompanied by two guitarists, sang many of his most popular tunes, as well as some tracks from his latest album, U Turn.

Megumi Savoy, wife of Staff Sgt. Ray Savoy, 390 Intelligence Squadron, who attended the concert, said, "I was amazed at how well Brian McKnight sang live. He not only sang well, but he interacted with the audience during the performance and had us really engaged with what he was doing. It was a fantastic evening".

Following the shows, Mr. McKnight took time to sign autographs for his fans.

When asked if he had any comments about his visit to Kadena, Mr. McKnight said, "The whole point of this thing is to say thank you. It is to show appreciation where appreciation is due. It was a pleasure to come here to give back to the military".



Brian McKnight on stage with his guitarists.



Brian McKnight belts out one of his infamous ballads.



Brian McKnight poses with some of Kadena's leadership. From left: Col. Richard M. Zink, 18 WG/CV, and Mrs. Zink, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington, 18 WG/CC, and Mrs. Remington, Brian McKnight, Col. Ross Roley, 18 SVS/CC and Mrs. Roley, and Capt. Jennifer Williams, 18 MSG and Capt. Joseph Williams, 909 ARS. All photos by Saleem Malik, 18th Services Marketing

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Can you hear me now?..A little communication goes a long way

By Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky 911th Airlift Wing

Robins Air Force Base, Ga. -- The students at Hopewell Junior High School may appear to be normal 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, however as the saying goes, "looks can be deceiving."

These students are different in a very positive way, and many may be are ahead of their peers on several levels. They're getting an education in world history through the eyes of several members of the 911th Airlift Wing who are making history.

This is how the history lessons began.

Sometime shortly after Rosalie Steigerwald's husband, Master Sgt. Robert Steigerwald, 911th Services Squadron, deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the idea began to take form.

It happened during a simple conversation between husband and wife. Sergeant Steigerwald explained to his wife how the first several weeks were exciting with the newness of being somewhere you've never been before and with all the preparations for the work that lay ahead. However, the longing for home set in quickly.

"I wanted to do something, but I didn't know what," said Mrs. Steigerwald. "When ever they (911th SVS) go away on any deployment, I've always e-mailed them to see what they needed. So, I decided to e-mail Lt. Narigon and ask him what we could do," she said.

1st Lt. Jerry Narigon, also from the 911 SVS, responded from his location in Baghdad, Iraq, with the following e-mail:

"Rosalie, How about a class picture? Not many of us get to see our kids. And, seeing children back home would be nice. Maybe, they could write about their holiday and the presents they received or a nice act their family performed during the holiday. Let me know what you think..."

Mrs. Steigerwald said she was somewhat taken back because the response wasn't for items, but simply for contact.

At the time, the 8th grade health teacher didn't know what she was doing or even how it would impact her students. She said she saw an opportunity and she didn't hesitate. Mrs. Steigerwald decided to ask her students what they thought.

"They were all for it," she said. "I also spoke with the school administration and they were all very supportive."

And, so it began.

"Our goal of this project is to keep the men in touch with home and to keep their morale up," said Mrs. Steigerwald. "We keep our conversations light and full of information from home. I feel the students are gaining as much from the men as they are gaining from us," she said.

Several other members of the 911th Airlift Wing have also been interacting with the junior high school students: Tech. Sgts. Robert Dean and Norman Long, 911th SVS, both stationed in Iraq, and Tech. Sgt. David Shelton, 911th Maintenance Squadron, in Kuwait.

Tech. Sgt. Robert Dean who is also deployed to Iraq has really enjoyed the correspondence. E-mails like this one from Joyce Mros really helps: "Hello, it's Joyce again. Just wondering how you were doing today? It snowed this morning. I was so mad. But, when I got to school and got your reply I was happy again. I think it's good for you guyz (sic) over there to keep in contact with us. I love hearing from you. Keep in touch. Stay safe."

The response from Sergeant Dean: "Everything is going good here today. The sun is shining and it is starting to warm up pretty good. Do you enjoy the snow? I actually miss not seeing the snow. I've always enjoyed how beautiful everything is after it just stops snowing. Have a wonderful day at school. Thank you for keeping in touch. God Bless.

The school staff even set up conference calls with the deployed troops. The first call was with Lieutenant Narigon.

"Hello, this is Lieutenant Narigon calling from Baghdad, Iraq!"

"The student reaction to a call from Iraq was "Wow!" said Mrs. Steigerwald. They ask him questions such as, "How is the weather? What is it like over there? What kind of food do you eat? Why are you in the military? He answered each question," she said.

"The students thanked him for his service and invited him to come to the school and meet them when he returns," said Mrs.

Steigerwald.

- "This adventure has become a living page of history for the students," said Mrs. Steigerwald. "I said to the class one day, it's like having our own CNN, and Stacey (one of the students) said, 'It's better.'"
- "Talking about current events has become as real as the Friday night football game," said Mrs. Steigerwald.

Mrs. Steigerwald also got some of the other teachers involved.

- "I contacted Mr. [Mike] Samek, the 7th and 8th grade history teacher. I knew he would love to involve his classes in such a unique experience," she said.
- Mr. Samek teaches World and American History.
- "I don't want them (the students) to forget the war against terrorism," said Mr. Samek. "It's not going to go away and we're going to be fighting terrorism for a long time," he said.
- Mr. Samek asked his class what they have learned from all of this: Neiko Bombiani is first to raise his hand.
- "It brings people together and lets them know we care," he said.

Another hand goes up. "That we are educated enough to know what's going on," said Megan Simpson. "It makes you think... what if that was your dad over there?" she said.

Not only have the students been able to share and compare their activities with the troops during daily conference calls and numerous e-mails, they've also found other ways to support the troops.

They have written articles in their school newspaper, the Viking Voice, pertaining to their activities and communications with the deployed troops. They have also donated several of their Viking school sweatshirts, and have collected personal items such as, deodorant, soap, books, candy, etc...) and shipped them to the deployed troops in Iraq.

The students and staff are looking forward to meeting all their hero's when they return.

The Hopewell School students and staff said they will continue to do what ever they can to help 911th Air Force reservists and other deployed troops.

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Women's History Month: A time to reflect on struggles, successes

By Jean Best-Richardson 39th Services Squadron

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey - Last week I approached a young Airman and asked him to participate in our Women's History Month Program. His immediate response was, "Why isn't there a Men's History Month?"

The more I thought about it, I realized this young man probably never lived through some of the circumstances I experienced. Maybe he genuinely did not understand the condition of women in the military environment and society as a whole in the past. He encounters women of all ranks every day. He might see women who are commanders, doctors, lawyers, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, chief master sergeants, senior master sergeants, master sergeants and civilian women who are officers, flight chiefs, directors and managers.

This made me think of how many young military men and women might not realize what it was like to be a female military or federal employee in 1969. Many people might not know the long strides the military took to allow women to hold positions in the military equal to men.

I was hired as a telephone operator at the Philadelphia Naval Base Aug. 11, 1969. At that time, upper-level managers were men and women were teachers, secretaries, telephone operators or cashiers. The few women supervisors I encountered were supervisors of female employees only.

When I arrived at Hahn Air Base, Germany, in 1972, I was denied a job as a telephone operator because I was pregnant. After more than four years of federal work, I now couldn't get a job. After my pregnancy, I was allowed to continue my federal career.

My next base was Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., where I was hired as a civilian personnel clerk in 1976. I worked on the Federal Women's Program. The FWP helped women apply for non-traditional jobs on the base. We provided female military spouses (most of the males were active duty) and civilian women with the information they needed to convert their volunteer experience into paid positions. We assisted women with acquiring positions as telephone linesman, construction workers, supply technicians and aided them in seeking a formal education.

Immediately after the personnel job, I became a clerical assistant in the Air Force Armament Development Test Center with electrical and mechanical engineers. All the engineers were men, but the Air Force was making a serious effort to recruit female engineers. Then, women were not only expected to type, take shorthand and make travel arrangements for the entire staff, but to make coffee as well.

So, when I think about the young man's question about why is there is not a Men's History Month, I know that men had an advantage all those years because women were not readily accepted into the traditional work force. Now, we have come to a time when in the military women receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of work.

Hopefully, we will come to a time when women will receive the same salary as men for the same quality and quantity of work in all career paths. One day that glass ceiling might shatter and women can earn their proper place in work force and we will no longer need a Women's History Month.

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Misawa Greets New Child/ Youth/Teen, Outdoor Rec Leaders

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - The 35th Services Squadron is proud to welcome two new leaders to its ranks. Terry Shaw joins the squadron as flight chief for Family Member Programs, and Jill Rector joins as the outdoor recreation center's newest manager.

Ms. Shaw comes to Misawa from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where for almost three years she was the Army base's child and youth coordinator. Her previous experience spans a period of nearly 15 years exclusively with Department of Defense youth and teen programs.

Ms. Shaw has worked at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Incirlik Air Base, Turkey and San Vito Air Station, Italy.

Ms. Shaw's biggest challenge with this new assignment, which carries responsibility for the child development, youth and teen centers, will be to recruit new people for jobs within the Flight.

"We must get the open positions filled with qualified and energetic people," she said.

Her second priority will be to get the child development center reaccredited.

Misawa also welcomes Jill Rector, who comes to Misawa from McChord AFB, Wash., where she was manager of the base's outdoor recreation center and Information, Tickets and Travel offices.

Prior to McChord, Ms. Rector worked at youth and recreation centers in Germany and at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

Ms. Rector's favorite job was working at a community center at Wainwright during the all too short summers with 23 hours of sunshine.

She is looking forward to seeing Misawa's Outdoor Recreation Center grow and meet the needs of the entire base community, including all the various commands and members of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

"I'd like to see a stronger emphasis in quality over quantity when it comes to outdoor rec programs," she said.



Misawa's newest Outdoor Recreation Director, Jill Rector, comes to Japan from Washington State.
(Photo by Victoria Janssen)



Terry Shaw, Misawa's new flight chief for Family Member Programs, is ready to face the many new challenges here in Japan. (Photo by Victoria Janssen)

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Tennessee Titan Cheerleaders Perform at Misawa

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - The Tennessee Titan Cheerleaders recently visited Misawa as part of a series of worldwide performances designed to entertain and raise the morale of United States troops serving our country.

The performers put on a cheerleading clinic for youth at Misawa's Lunney Youth Center.

They were greeted at the door by boys and girls waving pom-poms and eager for an opportunity to learn some tips from professional cheerleaders.

The Titan Cheerleaders also had breakfast at the base's Grissom Dining Facility, signed autographs at the Tohoku Enlisted Club and put on a spectacular cheerleading routine for soldiers and their families at the club.

The cheerleading performance involved singing, dancing, stunting, tumbling and skits, and represented one of the squad's first group performances overseas. They were participating in a military tour of Hawaii, Japan, Guam, and Korea sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment.



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Misawa Teen Wins Top Honors in PACAF Talent Contest

By Victoria Janssen 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - Misawa teenager Joshua Marzan won first place for his piano-playing prowess in Pacific Air Forces' 2003 Air Forcewide Family and Teen Talent Contest.

As a first place winner, Joshua was awarded a \$500 savings bond and will be invited to perform with Tops In Blue when the traveling team visits Misawa at the end of this year.

He won first place in the Teen 13 - 15 year old solo instrumental category, beating out more than 250 other contestants who submitted tapes of their performances for PACAF evaluation.

The son of a Navy service member, Joshua is 15 years old and has been playing the piano since he was 7-years-old. He currently plays at Catholic church services along with his father Julius, who plays guitar.

For his performance, Joshua played Chopin's Waltz in C-sharp minor. When he's not playing the piano, he enjoys martial arts, computers and reading.

"We are so proud you chose to play the piano in the talent contest and are honored that you are here at Misawa," wrote Terry B. Shaw, chief, Family Member Program Flight, in a note to Joshua and his parents, Julius and Elizabeth Marzan.



With his musical hands in his pockets, Misawan Joshua Marzan takes a break from his passion of playing the piano.

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Team Services Gets Their 'Just Desserts'

By Victoria Janssen, 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - After a busy several months in which Services employees prepared for visits from Col. Joseph Mazzola, Services Director, Arthur Myers and Col. Fred Ryder, as well as preparing for an inspection for the Installation Excellence Award and served as host for the Air Force Services Hennessy Evaluation Team, employees were given an Appreciation Day.

Services employees were treated to a free lunch and optional bowling at the base's Walmsley Bowling Center. Entertainment followed with a "Pie-in-the-Face" contest, which definitely proved to be the day's highlight.



Community Support Flight Chief Bob Smith, recovers from getting his face decorated by a pie, as Outdoor Recreation Manager Jill Rector attempts to halt the pie pan's continued momentum.



Senior Master Sgt. Raymond Magby glares at his pie thrower, clearly confused as to why somebody would pay money to throw a pie in his face.



Capt. Joseph Ericson readies a pickle and mayonnaisetopped chocolate pie to throw in the face of Tech. Sgt. Sheri Shelton. (All photos by Victoria Janssen)

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McChord's Famorama Fiesta Reflects Sizzlin' Hot Services

By Patti "PJ" Jeffrey, 62nd Services Squadron marketing editor

McChord Air Force Base, Wash. -- The forecast for March was sizzlin' hot, at least for McChord's Services Squadron customers.

Along with the grand opening of the Habañero Mexican Grill at Whispering Firs golf course on March 16, patrons enjoyed weeklong discounts, giveaways and drawings during customer appreciation week, culminating with a free base-wide fiesta.

Over 1,500 "Famorammers" rode in on the heat wave to Famorama Fiesta March 20 — an all-out hangar party for family members — with a free south-of-the-border lunch, "nada-margaritas," stage entertainment, carnival games, children's crafts, tattoos and face painting, a gigantic inflatable slide, obstacle course and bouncers, a laser tag arena and Dance Dance Revolution.

Seattle's own Mexican-American Association of "Baile Folklorico" took the main stage, entertaining the audience with Mexican folk dancing, ballad music and dazzling costumes in a 40-minute performance.

After the performance, children entered a "Hot Tamale" guessing contest and races for prizes, such as certificates for a pizza, round of golf, or a case of hot cinnamon candy.

Outside the hangar doors, Professional Bull Rider Association member Ross Coleman, a bull-riding champion, brought along "Gus," the celebrity tame bull, for children to touch and pet. He, along with other bull riders, gave away tickets to the Professional Bull Riders' Classic performance at the Tacoma Dome.

Famorammers took away bags of giveaways and carnival prizes, including some hot prizes such as a karaoke machine, Disney 13-inch television and digital portable CD player. Families also entered drawings for a Cactus League getaway for two and \$500 worth of Services bucks, redeemable at Services activities. The two lucky winners were announced near the end of Famorama.

"We all really enjoyed the whole day," said veteran Famorammers, Vickie and Don Kitchen. "The games were great this year: My daughter and her friend liked the bouncers, obstacle course and laser tag best. I sure liked the Dance Dance Revolution. We're already looking forward to the next time you have a party."

Sponsors for Famorama Fiesta were Sprint, Pepsi, USAA, First Command, Pioneer Services and Courtesy Auto Group. No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.



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Aviano Air Base "Cooks" with Lidia

By Paulette Burnard, 31 SVS Marketing Director

Aviano Air Base, Italy - - Lidia Bastianich, world famous chef, restauranteur, author, humanitarian and star of the PBS shows "Lidia's Italian-American Kitchen" and "Lidia's Italian Table" cooked it up at Aviano Air Base on March 28.

Food connoisseurs gathered at the base's beautiful new club, La Bella Vista, for a book signing and cooking show. Lidia, assisted by the club's Chef Paul Currier, demonstrated how to cook risotto and capellini with spicy shrimp.

Base Visual set up cameras and projected each step on a large screen so not one of the over 200 quests missed a step.

"It felt like we were in a real TV cooking show", quipped one happy guest who was among those selected to sample the risotto.

31st Services Marketing generated considerable excitement for the event through their web-based contest "LidiaQuest" on www.31svs-aviano.com, held three weeks prior to Lidia's visit. Winners were awarded free front row seats for the demonstration and those who were club members could opt for a personal lunch with Lidia the next day.

Lidia donated her cooking DVD, cookbooks and wine from her local Italian winery. The community center donated a free cooking class, Information, Tickets and Travel offered a free wine trip and Army Air Force Exchange Service's Bookmark donated a "Lidia's Italian Table" cookbook.

Ms. Bastianich, a naturalized American citizen, emigrated from northeast Italy to New York when she was 12.

"America has been so very good to me that I am happy to give something back," said Lidia, who was delighted with the turnout and said it was her pleasure to be able to support the troops and families at Aviano. She promised to come back.



All photos by Kenneth Godden, 31SVS volunteer





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Dyess Library Celebrates Dr. Seuss Day!

Dyess Air Force Base, Texas -- Over 200 children and 60 adults visited the ever-popular Dr. Seuss birthday celebration at the Dyess Base Library. Mar 2, 2004 marked the 100th birth anniversary of Theodor Geisel, the infamous Dr. Seuss.

Ten military members volunteered their time to read a Dr. Seuss story to youngsters in the library. Titles such as The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs & Ham, and Yertle the Turtle continue to be children's favorites.

The Family Member Support Flight provided cookies and beverages, and the Abilene Bookstore donated books for prizes. Dr. Seuss stickers, activity sheets, and certificates were handed out to each participant. In addition, all readers were the official library "Dr. Seuss" hat.

The Dyess Library, under the direction of Dawn Williams, has offered this fun program for seven years – and more and more people attend every year.











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Dover Kids Receive Backpack of Fun



Roxanne Lee, 436th Services Squadron Youth Center, assistant director, hands Mollee Crampton, age 15, a Kids Only backpack filled with a camera, tape recorder, phone card, picture frame, paper, pencil, pen, and more. The backpack is offered to children, 6-18 years old, with deployed parents. Children can pick up a Kids Only backpack at Dover AFB Youth Center. (Photo by April Crampton)

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AT&T Grand Prize Winner heads overseas with a 10,000 free minutes calling card

By Debbie Southee, 11th SVS

Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. – Being in the right place at the right time really paid off for Staff Sgt. Melissa Lehan of the 80th Fighter Squadron, Kunsan Air Force Base, Korea.

Sergeant Lehan attended the Christmas day performance of the Air Force's Tops In Blue at Kunsan to take her mind off the fact that she was thousands of miles away from her family and to try and enjoy Christmas day with friends.

As she registered for the AT&T calling card grand prize, little did she know that she would get the perfect Christmas present – a 10,000-minute AT&T calling card.

Sergeant Lehan is the perfect recipient for a free family-calling plan as she is PCSing from Kunsan and heading overseas again to her next assignment with the 52nd Medical Squadron at Bitburg, Germany.

During the final Tops In Blue 2003 show at Lackland AFB, Texas on April 4, 2004, Sergeant Lehan's name was drawn from the thousands of Tops In Blue audience members who had registered while attending the shows around the world.

She was on leave in Washington, D.C., when she was told she was the lucky recipient of a 10,000-minute calling card.

Col. Janice Mitchell, 11th Mission Support Group along with Bill Sapp, vice president, Department of Defense/Air Force Government Solutions made the official presentation of the 10,000-minute calling card at Bolling Air Force Base on April 12, 2004.

"It's the perfect going away gift," said Lehan. "A great way to keep in contact with family and friends in the States." Her family is used to having family members living overseas, as serving your country is almost the family motto in the Lehan household.

Sergeant Lehan was the first female in her family to join the service following her father (Navy) and grandfather (Army) into military service. Her brother is also in the Air Force and she has a sister in the Army. Her 14-year-old brother is anxious to join the "family business" and his siblings are quick to point out the merits of the different services.

- "I definitely think the Air Force takes care of their people," said Sergeant Lehan. As a medical technician, eight-year veteran, she plans to finish her degree and then fulfill her dreams of becoming a registered nurse.
- "I can't wait to get to Bitburg so I can travel and see Europe," she said.

Thanks to AT&T and 10,000 free minutes, she will be able to call home from every major city in Europe. No federal endorsement of sponsor is intended.



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Dover's Eagle Lanes host seeing-eye puppy training

By April Crampton, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The seeing-eye puppies recently settled down in front of the lanes with their trainers at Eagle Lanes Bowling and Recreation Center while taking in the new sights, sounds and smells around them.

According to 1st Lt. Christopher Radziewicz, 436th Service Squadron combat support commander and seeing-eye puppy trainer, the puppies are taught the basic commands of come, down and rest, to walk on the leash on the left side, slightly ahead of the trainer, to have a strong, steady pull on the leash, which helps the puppy to learn to lead. They learn to sleep by the side of the bed and to sit under the chair on the leash while we are eating a meal.

The puppies stay with the puppy trainer until they are 14 months old, then the puppies go to formal training. They are part of the Delaware chapter of the seeing-eye puppy training and this is the first time the base's bowling center has been used for a bowling activity with the puppies.

"I approached Bob Watras about having the seeing-eye puppy training at the center because it is important to train them in a wide variety of social settings," said Lieutenant. Radziewicz, "He was happy to let us hold our puppy training at the bowling center."

"We have had military working dogs in here to expose them to a wide range of sights and loud sounds that go on in the bowling center," said Bob Watras, Eagle Lanes manager. "Lieutenant Radziewicz explained to me that the seeing-eye dogs need to be exposed to as many different situations and stimulations as possible to insure they learn how to react when guiding a sight impaired person."

Mr. Watras explained that when asked to have the puppy training at the bowling center, his concern was if the puppies were house broken. Once he was assured that the puppies were trained he considered this training a good way to provide service to the community.

"We had 27 trainers and 12 puppies for this activity at the bowling center," said Mr. Watras.

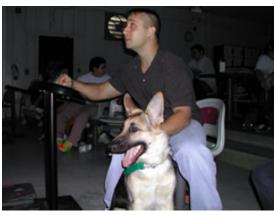
The dogs sat or laid by their trainer's chair while taking in everything going on around them as the trainers bowled.

"The bowling center customers enjoyed petting the puppies and asked questions about the program, said Mr. Watras. "The puppies behaved very well and a new trainer was recruited too."

"This was the first time any of our puppies have visited a bowling center," said Marty Irion, seeing-eye puppy trainer. "The experience of the unique sounds, bright lights, sudden loud noises and people walking around them made this a very important activity for the puppies, this introduces them at an early age to situations they may encounter later in life.

"Except for an occasional bark here and there the puppies behaved exceptionally well," added Ms. Irion.

"I think the seeing-eye program is great and we will help when we can," said Mr. Watras. "The bowling center staff is always willing to accommodate special events and occasions whenever possible."



Seeing-eye puppy in training, Dodie looks around as 1st Lt. Christopher Radziewicz, 436th Services Squadron combat support commander and puppy trainer, sets up the bowling score screen at Eagle Lanes Bowling and Recreation Center.(Photo by April Crampton)

Mr. Watras also stated that base personnel should contact the lanes at least one month prior to their special event.

For more information on the seeing-eye puppy training, contact Lieutenant Radziewicz at 744-9448.

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Children pick toys after finding "Turquoise the Turtle"

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -Blue's clue solved Dover Team children pick toys after finding "Turquoise the Turtle" during Blue's Clues family night on April 1 at the Community Center. The next family night will use Finding Nemo theme and is scheduled for May 7. The night will feature special appearance by Nemo and crafts, games, movies for children, and the Nemo moon bounce.



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Patterson Dining Facility's First Mongolian BBQ

Dover Air Force Base, Del. - Patterson Dining Facility hosted its first Mongolian BBQ. Staff Sgts. Cedric Perkinson and Kyle Thomas, 436th Services Squadron, cook chicken, shrimp and beef as Lydia Smith, Selrico employee, serves the food to the customers during Patterson's first Mongolian Barbeque on March 24. More than 340 Dover Team members came out for the event. Patterson serves two special meals a month.



(Photo by April Crampton)

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Dover's Patterson Dining Facility Conducts Iron Chef Competition

April Crampton, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The Dover Air Force Base Iron Chef competitors recently contemplated what dishes they were going to prepare using quartered chicken and potatoes in order to tempt the taste buds of the judges during the first Patterson Dining Facility Iron Chef Competition.

"The Dover Air Force Base Iron Chef Competition was a suggestion from 1st Lt. Christopher Radziewicz, 436th Services Squadron combat support commander," said Master Sgt. Dan Reville, Services food superintendent. "The idea to host the competition similar to the television show, where two competing chefs test their culinary skills by preparing creative meal items using select food items, was met with enthusiasm."

The Patterson Dining Facility competitors, Staff Sgt. Cedric Perkinson and Senior Airman Kester Patrick faced off and went head to head in creating whatever dishes they desired using the meat and starch chosen by Sergeant Reville, Tech. Sgt. Dennis Evangelista, Patterson Dining Facility production manager and Senior Airman Clint Kelley, storeroom personnel.

"We chose the chicken and potatoes based on the numerous ways they could be prepared," said Sergeant Evangelista. "The chefs were able to choose the remaining entrée items to go with their dishes."

According to Sergeant Reville, the chefs were not told what mandatory food items were chosen until 9 a.m. the morning of the competition.

"Sergeant Perkinson and Airman Patrick could be as creative as they wanted, but could not have any help in the preparation of the meals," said Sergeant Reville. "This competition allowed our experts the chance to expand their culinary skills and display their individual creative talents."

"It was fun to plan and make a meal of my choosing and present it as artwork, as well as a tasty meal to the judges," said Airman Patrick. "I will love the chance to do it again."

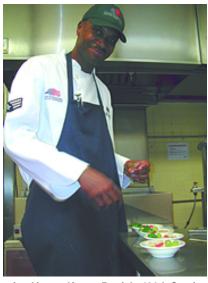
"The cooks prepared their meals from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.," said Sergeant Evangelista. "The dishes were then presented to the judges."

The judges were Maj. Jeffrey Yocum, Services Squadron commander, Lieutenant. Radziewicz and Master Sgt. Shawn Dunlap, 436th Services Squadron first sergeant.

"The meals presented were curry chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, mixed vegetables with mixed fruit, tossed salad, brushetta chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and brushetta bread," said Sergeant Reville. "The judges were not told who made which meals until the winning meal was chosen."

The judges rated the meals on presentation, compatibility, color, creativity, originality, garnish, taste, degree of difficulty, aroma and texture.

"The ratings were very close in this competition," said Lieutenant Radziewicz. "But one rated a little higher. The curry chicken meal won the competition because of a little better presentation and the aroma."



Senior Airman Kester Patrick, 436th Services Squadron dining facility cook, puts the final touch of parsley on the mixed fruit dish he has prepared for the first Dover Air Force Base Iron Chef competition. (Photo by April Crampton)

"The first chef to be crowned Dover AFB's Iron Chef was Airman Patrick," said Sergeant Reville. "He will receive a one day pass, a certification of victory and his picture will be displayed in Patterson."

According to Lieutenant Radziewicz, the Patterson staff will conduct the Dover AFB Iron Chef Competition quarterly and at the end of the year the winning chefs will have a cook off.

"This event gave our troops the opportunity to show off their true talents as chefs," said Major Yocum. "Both meals were 4-star quality in every regard."

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Stepping up to make a difference Competition

Sherry Trauth, Publicity Specialist, 78 Services
Division

Robins Air Force Base, Ga. -- Looking for a meaningful project to satisfy his Eagle Badge requirements is what Joshua Hamilton set out to do with the help of his Boy Scouts master and Sharon Batchelder of the Robins Air Force Base Spalding Nature Center.

A set of steps, directly leading to a garden area with various animal displays, didn't exist at the nature center until Jushua constructed it. Besides playing an active role in the scouts, the 16-year-old Houston County High School student is in his third year of Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps where he has earned the rank of cadet lieutenant.

Batchelder said the new set of steps makes it easier to take care of the animals and they are more convenient for our customers.

"These steps wouldn't have been possible without the help of J.J. Odom from The Home Depot," she said.

On April 1, a plaque was placed on the steps thanking The Home Depot for providing materials for the project.

"Joshua did a wonderful job and we were glad to help out," said Odom. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.



Joshua and his father Kevin Hamilton layout plans for the new steps. (Photo by: Linda Hinkle, 78 Services)



J.J. Odom, The Home Depot, and Joshua Hamilton enjoy the completed steps. (Photo by: Sherry Trauth, Publicity Specialist, 78 Services Division)

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From the Field



Services Offers Off-Base Activity Ideas

By Senior Airman Wes Auldridge 379th AEW Public Affairs

Southwest Asia -- The 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron provides local area travel information to all people assigned to the base who are interested in self-directed off-base activities.

"One of the benefits of military service is the opportunity to see foreign lands and experience different cultures," said Maj. Andrew Langfeld, 379th ESVS commander. "I encourage people to take advantage of their time here by getting out and exploring the many things this area has to offer. You are sure to find things you will remember for a very long time to come."

Many of the activities Services will direct people to are:

- . The National Museum
- Palm Tree Island, offers swimming and water sports
- . Bowling center, 32 lanes with shoes for rent
- Local zoo, includes gardens, traditional zoo animals as well as some desert creatures
- · A local amusement park
- · City center shopping mall
- Al Bida Park, includes several shallow wading pools and shops
- Horse riding lessons, 45 minutes each, three times per week
- Sailing, with dinghies and windsurfers also available
- Fishing trips, 20-foot Yamaha boat, equipped with outriggers, fish finder and rods
- Scuba diving, training ranges from basic skills to advanced diving
- Movie theaters, located in the mall
- Golf, 18-hole championship course, 9-hole floodlit Academy course, practice facilities, putting and chipping greens

Camel races, dates will be announced when they become available.

Information on each of these activities can be found on the Services intranet Web site.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Slagle, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Staff Judge Advocate, said during his tour here he has enjoyed the opportunities the host nation allows.

"I have had the opportunity to play golf at the country club, and it is a wonderful facility," he said. "The course is well maintained and is very challenging. The club seems to cater to Westerners, and I would recommend it for anyone who enjoys golf."



The host nation offers many sites and activities.

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Air Force Lieutenant Wins USA Track & Field Indoor National Championship

Courtesy of Air Force Fitness and Sports

San Antonio, Texas - 1st Lt. James Parker, Air Force World Class Athlete from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., won the 2004 USA Track and Field Indoor National Championship Weight Throw, held February 26-29 in Boston, Mass.

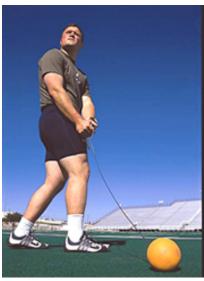
Lieutenant Parker credited the win to his intense training regimen and fine-tuning his technique during the warm-up session just prior to the official throws.

After throwing a foul on his first throw and a safety throw of 21.78 meters on his second attempt, the lieutenant threw a strong 23.14 meters on his third try. He followed this by a foul on his fourth attempt and then completed the event with the winning throw of 23.18 (76 ft.). This beat his closest competitor by over two feet.

His throws of 23.14 and 23.18 set his personal records for indoor meets. Lieutenant Parker is one of the smallest competitors in the weight throw, and often surprises his opponents with his throws.

His structured training has perfected his torque in the throwing of the 35-pound weight throw.

He attributes his success to participation in the Air Force World Class Athlete Program and the direct opportunity for extensive training in his sport. For more information, contact Steve Brown at DSN 487-3471 or commercial 652-3471.



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- First Lt.
James Parker won the 2004 USA Track and Field
Indoor National Championship Weight Throw. The
competition took place Feb. 26 to 29 in Boston.
Lieutenant Parker participates in the Air Force
World Class Athlete Program and is assigned to
Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. (Courtesy
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Patrick's Golf Course Facelift Revamps Greens, Clubhouse

By Marla Holbert 45th Services Squadron

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.— Jim Hickey can often be seen greeting customers while driving around in his "Directors" cart the at Manatee Cove Golf Course. But these days he's had to adjust his route, dodging large bulldozers and mounds of dirt.

The dirt and dozers are one of the many "hazards" Mr. Hickey, as well as his patrons, have experienced in recent weeks as the course undergoes a \$3.6 million facelift.

Currently the facility is in the midst of two major changes: construction of a new clubhouse and the renovation of three greens. In a separate appropriated fund project, seven senior-level staff houses are being built at the edge of the course.

Mr. Hickey says the undertaking is well worth the discomfort. "This project is really going to make it much, much better," he said. "It will slow down the golf course but at the same time, also expedite play. It truly sets the standard for Air Force golf courses everywhere."

The new design, a brainchild of world-renowned golf course designer Tom Fazio, rebuilds the 14th and 15th greens around two man-made lakes. It also relocates and redesigns the new par 3, 191-yard 13th green to the northeast end of the grounds. Both projects should be complete by April 15, Mr. Hickey said.

The 12,000 square foot clubhouse will offer a Floridian theme, complete with a full-service bistro and partially covered patio overlooking the course. Additional amenities include a 1,396 square foot pro shop, bigger locker rooms and an office suite.

John Detmer, Business Operations flight chief for the 45th Services Squadron, said clubhouse construction is ongoing with completion projected for early 2005.

"We don't expect customers will experience any inconvenience during club house construction," Mr. Detmer said. "Our plan is to build the new facility while maintaining the old one. We anticipate that this will provide a seamless transition for our customers."

La Retta Britton, who has played at Manatee Cove for more than 10 years, said she is thrilled about the new changes.

"The creativity in the way that the holes are changing is wonderful," she said. "I've seen the designs and it looks like there is going to be a much more spacious lounge and locker area. I think the bag storage area is going to be much more adequate for the volume of bags they have--very organized and extremely efficient. It's really going to be exciting."



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NEWS VIEWS

Airmen Win Two Gold Medals at Wrestling Championship

San antonio, Texas -- Staff Sgt. Steven Woods, of the 10th Services Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., won the 74-kilogram (163-pound) weight class in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2004 Armed Forces Wrestling Championships. Second Lt. Kevin Hoy, of the 10th SVS, won the 120-kilogram (264.5-pound) weight class in Freestyle wrestling. The championship event was March 4 to 8 at Naval Air Station New Orleans.

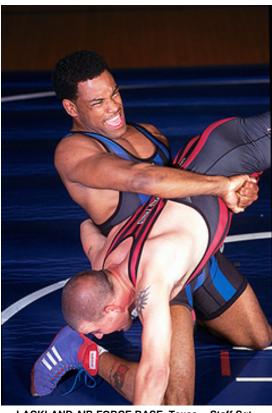
In his first match, Sergeant Woods defeated second-ranked Army Staff Sgt. Keith Sieracki, 4-2. His second match was against sixth-ranked Marine Cpl. Curtis Barnes. After winning this match, 4-3, he won his final match against Navy Seaman Jason Nichols with a decisive 14-0 technical superiority score.

Staff Sgt. Jacob Hey, of the 21st SVS at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and Staff Sgt. Corey Farkas, of the 10th SVS, won silver medals in the Greco-Roman Championship.

Sergeant Hey competed in the 60-kilogram (132-pound) weight class, and Sergeant Farkas competed in the 120-kilogram (264.5-pound) weight class.

Second Lt. Hoy defeated Army Sergeant Paul Devlin, 5-4 in his first match. He then went on the beat Navy Lt. Josh Feldman, 7-4, and Marine Corps Capt. Frank Workman, 7-5.

Second Lt. Christopher Bennett, of the 960th Airborne Air Control Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla., won a silver medal in the 66-kilogram (145.5-pound) Freestyle.



LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Staff Sgt.
Steven Woods (in blue) took the gold medal in the 74-kilogram (163-pound) weight class in Greco-Roman wrestling at the 2004 Armed Forces Wrestling Chapionships. Sergeant Woods is assigned to the 10th Services Squadron at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. (Courtesy photo)

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High Bowler Incentive



High Bowler Incentive Rocket Lanes Manager Barbara Holt spray paints dilapidated bowling pins as part of a new recycling program at the bowling center. Pins that are deemed unusable are painted bright colors and handed out to "high bowlers" during the center's appreciation days each month. Appreciation days recognize different organizations at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station by offering 50-cent bowling and 50-cent shoe rentals on designated days. Members of the Operation Support Squadron will be honored on March 22; the Air Force Technical Applications Center will be acknowledged April 5; and the Medical Support Squadron will be recognized April 19.

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Team Osan member named top boxer in Air Force

By 1st Lt. Tom Montgomery 51st Fighter Wing Public affairs

Osan Air Base, Korea - When Senior Airman John Askew was growing up as the youngest sibling in his family, he admired his brothers and sisters for their talent in sports like football, baseball and track but bucked the trend when he became a boxer at 17.

He never dreamed he would be an elite athlete, able to dominate other young men in single combat. Airman Askew is the second ranked boxer in the entire U.S. military for the junior welterweight class.

He is the top boxer in the Air Force, and was one loss away from a spot on the U.S. Olympic team during the Interservice Boxing Championships this fall at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He became a boxing prodigy in a matter of months when he began training the summer before his senior year at DeSoto High near Dallas, Texas. He earned his first of many Golden Gloves titles in the winter of that year.

The success did not come without pain. His gym was run by Curtis Cokes, former welter weight world champion and hall of fame inductee. The gym was a favorite of Dallas Cowboys players such as Michael Irvin and sometimes Troy Aikman.

His days began at 4 a.m. with a three-mile run before school. After school workouts consisted of strength and conditioning, technique and sparring. Then on the way home, Airman Askew and his father would discuss ways to improve. Once home and when his school work was completed, he would watch tapes of talented boxers such as Oscar De La Hoya, Floyd Mayweather, and Shane Mosley.

"It was eat, sleep and drink boxing," said Airman Askew.

After high school, it was apparent that boxing was natural for Airman Askew but the constant traveling and associated costs of bouts began taking its toll. He found out that the Air Force team trained in San Antonio at Kelly Field, just three hours from his hometown.

After talking to the Air Force coach, he crossed into the blue and has made the Air Force team every year since 2001, and has won his weight class each of those years.

This fall, Airman Askew locked his eyes on the Athens Olympics. His chance at a spot on the team would come if he could be the top boxer in the U.S. military for his weight class at the interservice championships.



Senior Airman John Askew (left), 51st Medical Operations Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, practices his boxing skills. Airman Askew is the top boxer in the Air Force. (Photo by Airman Stacie Gallegos)

He trained and fought as part of the Air Force team this fall. The team trains three to four months out of the year. They train all day, until boxers collapse into their beds at 8 or 9 p.m. "Training; you might say it's vigorous; it's tough," assured the Osan AB boxer.

The sport isn't for "old men" in their mid-thirties. The oldest member of the team is 30 while the youngest is 20. The average age is about 24, which is Airman Askew's age.

Boxing, one of the world's oldest sports, is not a sport that only allows success to those who give less than 100 percent in and out of the ring. Boiled down, boxing is simple, primal and gladiatorial; it's two men trying to inflict maximum damage on the other, while minimizing damage to themselves.

"It's an individual sport; whatever you put in, you get out," said Airman Askew. "When I'm boxing, everybody paid their money to watch me fight. The spotlight is on," he said.

Getting a slot on the Air Force team is competitive. Once an Airman makes the team, he is on permissive temporary duty and lodged in billeting at Kelly to complete his season.

"It takes a lot of dedication to play Air Force sports. In all sports, softball, volleyball, soccer, golf and even bowling; it takes a lot of sacrifice," said Airman Askew. "You may not be able to do other things you enjoy because of the training schedules," he said.

He trains three to four times a week at Osan's fitness center and is a member of the boxing club, which he says is a great way to get introduced to the sport. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

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Road to Fitness Can Be Bumpy

By Senior Airman Kara Philp 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. - For some Air Force members, the road to better health and fitness is a bumpy one.

For people with disappointing waist measurements, health officials have information and advice to help.

When combined with the run and strength components of the fitness test, abdominal circumference is a good indicator of a person's overall fitness level.

"The new fitness assessment is based on the three components ... to impact a person's health and fitness: cardiovascular health, strength and body composition," said Capt. Risa Riepma, 56th Medical Group health promotions manager.

Each portion of the assessment is important. The final score is a calculation of all three.

According to several research studies, abdominal circumference is an independent risk factor for disease.

"This means that your height and age is not a factor," Captain Riepma said. "If your waist exceeds 35 inches (females) or 40 inches (males), you are at greater risk for diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some types of cancer."

According to Captain Riepma, this places more of the responsibility on the person to make physical fitness a daily concern.

"This is not a pass or fail program, but an assessment that always leaves room for improvement," she said. "We all should be continuously striving to improve our health and fitness and not become complacent or frustrated with our initial score."

Physical training is the backbone of fitness enhancement, Captain Riepma said. She has several recommendations for proper weight loss.

"Make sure you're engaging in cardiovascular activity for at least 30 minutes at a high enough intensity (so) you feel like your body is stressed (usually 70 to 85 percent of max heart rate) several times each week," she said.

Running, cycling, swimming continuously and aerobics are good examples of cardiovascular activity. Basketball and racquetball do not count as aerobic activity.

Strength training is important for gaining muscle mass and increasing metabolic rate.

"I'd have to say if one is pressed for time, cardiovascular activity is more critical," she said.

Captain Riepma suggests keeping a food record to document everything consumed and to estimate portion sizes.

"People usually overestimate the amount of exercise they do and underestimate the amount of food they eat," she said.

"This is a good tool to increase awareness of food choices and portions."

Weight doesn't come off overnight, she added.

"Most Americans like to see quick results, but if they want to lose it healthfully, it's a gradual process," she said.

Captain Riepma said don't gauge progress by the scale alone.

"Muscle may be replacing fat," she said. "Since muscle weighs more than fat, you would not see an improvement unless you tape or pay closer attention to how your clothes are fitting."

When people lose weight, it comes from all over your body.

"There is no way to 'spot reduce,' which means when you lose weight it will come from all over your body not just one location," Captain Riepma said.

Whether you have several inches to lose or a half inch, the recommendations are the same. Sit-ups will help tone abdominal muscles, but there needs to be a calorie deficit that comes from exercise and consuming fewer calories in order for fat to be lost.

"Body wraps and diet pills are costly, temporary and often unsafe. I don't recommend them," Captain Riepma said.

For people looking to go the extra mile, Captain Riepma suggests a personal trainer, fitness or weight-loss buddy.

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Rhein-Main Fitness Challenge Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers



Individual honors: Rowing (1,000-meters) Kevin Smith, 469th ABG SF Pull-ups Joseph Moos, 469th ABG SF (16) Sit-ups (1
minute) - Rob Harrington, 469th ABG
Services Flight (63) Push-ups (1 minute) Timothy Bolon, 469th ABG (58) Run (1 mile)Matthew Hansen, 469th ABG Clinic





Eight five-member teams (to include at least one female) from around Rhein-Main competed in the first fitness challenge Feb. 27 at the fitness center. (Clockwise from above) Ray Rabatin, 469th Air Base Group Logistics Flight and Tanesia Lyles, 64th Replacement Company, give a gut-check performance. Matthew Orlowsky, 469th ABG Services Flight rows, rows, rows his boat home in the 1,000-meter rowing competition. Matthew Hansen, 469th ABG clinic legs home a victory in the one-mile run. Jeffery Willis, pumps out "Armystyle" push-ups. (Center) Joseph Moos, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight, takes a victory by the hair of his chinny, chin chin.





Team awards: 1st place - 469th ABG Fire Department (photo at right) 2nd place - 469th ABG Security Forces "A" Flight 3rd place - 64th Replacement Company Headquarters

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NEWS VIEWS

National Program Provides Innovations To Youth Sports

By Tammy Stock, 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- Parents at Dover Air Force Base have a special opportunity to help their children develop sports skills through a unique national program called "Smart Start."

The program started on March 9 at Dover AFB Youth Center and will be held every Tuesday for six weeks from 1 to 2 p.m.

"This instructional program is a clear, concise, positive, and proven program that prepares children for the world of organized sports without the threat of competition or fear of getting hurt," said Don Stock, youth center sports director.

The Smart Start Sports junior program is recommended for youngsters ages 2 - 4 years old, whose parent or another adult is able to attend the six one- hour sessions with them.

According to Mr. Stock, this program teaches parents the proper way to develop skills with their children while building confidence that will enable them to enjoy participation in youth sports programs.

The sessions are designed for a minimum of four parent-child members in each group filling up on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"We are excited about participating in the national program," said Mr. Stock. "The Youth Center is always looking for innovative ways to help improve youth sports and this program certainly helps."

The Smart Start Program targets parents who want to help their child develop the basic motor skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and batting that are needed to participate in sports.

"Children are not little adults and they learn and understand differently than adults," said Mr. Stock. "All kids need lots of encouragement."

Smart Start activities are arranged from simple to complex, allowing the child to complete a task successfully before moving on to the next activity. Each child will be provided many practice trials during the classes.

"The main objective of Smart Start is to develop the basic motor skills kids need to be successful in sports," said Gary Winings, 436th Services YC director. "However, this program will also instruct parents on how to properly teach their child these skills."



Kids Only Roxanne Lee, 436th Services Squadron Youth Center, assistant director, hands Mollee Crampton, age 15, a "Kids Only" backpack filled with a camera, tape recorder, phone card, picture frame, paper, pencil, pen, and more. The backpack is offer to children, 6-18 years old, with deployed parents. Children can pick up a "Kids Only" backpack at Dover AFB Youth Center.(Photo by April Crampton)

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CMSAF Talks Fitness, Force Shaping

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii -- During a visit here March 15, the top enlisted Airman talked about fitness and force shaping.

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray explained there was no plan to use the new fitness assessment as a part of the Weighted Airmen Promotion System.

"(Leaders have) talked about a possible change to the enlisted-performance report that might include a new line about physical-fitness standards," said the chief. "But other than that, right now there is no talk of changing the WAPS."

Another topic the chief addressed was force shaping.

To clear up confusion, Chief Murray said it should not be looked at as a means to reduce the force, but a way to reshape it to meet the expeditionary needs of today's Air Force.

He also said the reshaping will not increase the air and space expeditionary forces rotation.

Chief Murray said taskings "are based against our authorization, not against our manning."

After the first round for Airmen to submit applications to exit active duty under the force-shaping plan, the Air Force fell short of the anticipated goal.

"The good news to this is that people are not rushing to get out of our Air Force -- it's a great time to serve our nation," he said. "It's a testament to the quality of life and the commitment to service.

"We don't want to lose a single quality Airman from our force who wants to stay in," he said.

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Software helps Airmen track fitness progress

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez Air Force Print News

The Air Force recently released a tool to help Airmen keep track of their fitness efforts.

The Air Force Fitness Management System is available to all Airmen through the Air Force Portal. The system provides a history of their fitness scores and allows unit fitness managers to enter new scores. It is now the official method to track fitness progress within the Air Force, said Maj. Maureen Harback, the system's program coordinator.

"The purpose of the (system) is to track fitness-assessment results and provide data to commanders," Major Harback said. The system is intended for active-duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen.

The system will keep a history of each Airman's fitness scores. The data is not stored on paper in an Airman's record or even on a computer at an Airman's installation, but rather in an Air Force-wide database. This allows fitness scores to travel with Airmen automatically as they change stations. The universal availability of the data helps ensure Airmen stay current on their fitness assessments, Major Harback said.

"If an Airman transfers to another base and is not current on their fitness assessment, they will show up as not current in the (system)," Major Harback said. "Unit fitness program managers and commanders will then need to take action on those members."

Many units are still doing monthly practice assessments so Airmen can get themselves into shape for an official assessment. The system does not record practice assessments, but it does include a calculator allowing Airmen to enter in numbers from their practice assessments to see how they would score, Major Harback said.

"Airmen will have better visibility of their fitness over time, and they can take actions to address their deficiencies or continue working on their strengths," she said.

This fall, commanders will be able to generate reports to track an Airman's progress through education and intervention programs, Major Harback said.

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Air Force Women win Armed Forces Basketball Championship

Courtesy of Air Force Fitness and Sports

San Antonio, Texas - The Air Force won the 2004 Armed Forces Women's Basketball Championship by upsetting the perennial championship Army team in the final at a double round-robin championship, hosted by Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., April 2-10.

The powerhouse Army team had won the championship every year since the Navy defeated them in 1991 at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

This was only the second time since the inception of the tournament in 1978 that the Army has not won the title. The Air Force won their only title over 23 years ago at Chanute Air Force Base in 1981.

The Air Force opened the tournament by defeating the host Marine Corps team behind Eielson Air Force Base's Airman 1st Class Naomi Mobley's 17 points.

The 6'3" center also collected seven rebounds. Langley Air Force Base's Senior Airman LySchale Jones scored 10 points, while Elmendorf Air Force Base's Airman 1st Class Staci Muller added 9 points. Laughlin Air Force Base's 1st Lt. Lindsay Logsdon and Aviano Air Base's Airman 1st Class Nicole Bowman each contributed 8 points to the balanced Air Force scoring attack that ended with a 79-52 win.

The Army won the second game of the tournament by beating the Navy 69-62.

The Air Force followed up their first day win by defeating the Navy team 90-74. Mobley scored 21 points in this game, with Jones' three 3-pointers helping her compile a 16-point game total. Eglin Air Force Base's Airman 1st Class Mariela Miles scored 13 points from her point guard position, while Dover Air Force Base's forward 2nd Lt. Angelia Rougeau totaled 11 points and 4 rebounds. The Army beat the Marine Corps 63-53 to close the second day of the tournament.

On the third day, despite strong scoring by Mobley and Rougeau, 18 and 14 points respectively, the Army beat the Air Force team 64-61. The Navy beat the Marine Corps earlier in the day by a score of 66-45.

Miles' got the Air Force back on the winning track, scoring 19 points from her guard position to lead the Air Force to their second win over the Marine Corps 67-45. Mobley and Jones pitched in 13 and 12 points. The Army defeated the Navy 60-46.

Mobley's 23 points and Miles' 13 points again led the team to an important 67-46 win over the Navy. Later that same day, the Army beat the Marine Corps 65-60. This win lead to a final showdown with the Air Force team.

The Air Force had to beat the Army by at least three points in the final game to win the championship (based on final win –loss record and actual head-to-head results in the tournament).

The championship game commenced after the Navy defeated the Marine Corps 78-46 for third place in this tournament. After leading by as many as 11 points, the Air Force went into half-time trailing 41-40. However, the balanced scoring of the Air Force team (Mobley's



24, Miles' 18, Bowman's 14, and Rougeau's 12) lead the Air Force team to an exciting 81-74 final victory over the Army.

Mobley was the only non-Army player selected to the All-Tournament Team. She was selected as the best center at the championship, while the Army's Specialist Andreia Hinton and Specialist Evetta Crawford were selected as starting forwards. Sgt. Tarina Loyd and Cpl. Tereska Watkins were designated as the All-Tournament shooting and point guards.

Air Force team members selected to the combined Armed Forces Women's Basketball Team that will advance to Armed Forces at the National Pro-Am Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev., April 21-25 include Miles, Logsdon, Jones and 2nd Lt. Adrienne Beard (Barksdale Air Force Base).

Due to duty commitments Mobley and Rougeau were not available to advance to this event.

The Air Force coaching team of Master Sgt. Larry Glover (Ramstein Air Base), Master Sgt. Thomas Highsmith (Patrick Air Force Base), and Joyce Jenkins of Elkton, Md., will coach the Armed Forces Women's Basketball team at the national event.

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Air Force Wrestling Team Wins National Title

By Staff Sgt. Lucia Newman Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

LAS VEGAS -- The Air Force wrestling team won its second consecutive national team title, took home two Greco-Roman division medals and added an unexpected name to the 2004 Olympic trials roster during the U.S. National Wrestling Championships here April 9 and 10.

Greco-Roman wrestlers Steve Woods took the silver in the 163-pound division and Aaron Sieracki won a bronze in the 184-pound division. Winning the medals pushed the Air Force team past the Sunkist Kids team by 5 points for the Division 2 Greco-Roman National Team Championship. In all, seven of 14 Airmen scored, earning the team a total of 25 points.

"We had a mixture of veterans and new members in the two-day competition and this is always a challenge," coach Richard Estrella said. "Our goal was to gel together as a team, and that carried us through, and we peaked at a good time."

A 10-year wrestling veteran and World Class Athlete Program member, Woods grabbed the seat in the finals of the 163-pound Greco-Roman division after defeating two-time national champion and 2002 fifth place world wrestling champion T.C Danzler, 2-1, in the semifinals. An unsuccessful effort to pin Darryl Christian of the New York Athletic Club in the final 10 seconds of the finals match cost Woods the gold. But his victory over four-time national champion and armed forces champion Keith Sieracki, of the Army, during earlier 2004 championship competition earned him a spot in the U.S. Olympic trials. The trials take place May 21 to 23 in Indianapolis.

"The Air Force is often thought of as a softer force when compared to the other services," Woods said. "So when I get that chance to beat a Marine or soldier, it makes that win that much more satisfying because I get to show them we are a strong fighting force."

The Air Force team had two others make it to the semifinal round. Jacob Hey finished fourth in the 132-pound division, and Corey Farkas finished fifth in the 264-pound division.

In other bouts, Anthony Booker finished eighth in the 121-pound division, Aaron Sieracki finished third in the 184-pound division, Philip Johnston finished seventh in the 211-pound division, and Kevin Hoy finished fifth in the 264.5-pound Men's Freestyle division. The finishes qualified all seven for the U.S. Olympic trials where they will all battle for a chance to compete at the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, in August.

"I expected to see this (type of performance) from all my guys, and they stepped up to the plate," said Estrella, who has coached the Air Force team for 17 years. "A true tribute to the program was that Anthony (Booker) is a first-year wrestler, and he capitalized on a small break to make it to the trials."



LAS VEGAS -- Philip Johnston, a 211.5-pound-division Greco-Roman wrestler, lifts an opponent during his final match in the 2004 U.S. National Wrestling Championships held here April 9. Johnston finished seventh in his division. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel DeCook)



LAS VEGAS -- Steve Woods, 2004 armed forces champion in the 163-pound Greco-Roman wrestling division, spins an opponent during the U.S. National Wrestling Championships here April 9. Woods took the silver in his division and will represent the Air Force at the U.S. Olympic trials May 21 to 23 in Indianapolis. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel DeCook)

Booker's break came when two-time Olympian and silver medalist, national champion and world champion Dennis Hall withdrew because of an injury in the beginning of the event. Booker went on to win in the consolation quarter-final 7-5, which placed him in the Olympics trials.

The team returns to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., to begin training for the trials.

"Though it seems as if we had a successful weekend, we are not satisfied just yet," Estrella said. "We expect to do well during the trials and have one or two Airmen on the Olympic team. We even expect them to win a medal at the Games. We're not changing anything we're doing. ... We're going to work, right back to work to prepare for Indianapolis."

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Ladies Take Control of Eagle Creek Golf Course

Courtesy of 436th Services Squadron

Dover Air Force Base, Del. -- The free annual Ladies' Golf Clinic drew more than 25 ladies to the Eagle Creek Golf Course April 24 to learn golfing fundamentals of golf from instructor John Ray.

Mr. Ray, United States Golf Teachers Federation certified professional golf instructor, will provide an introduction to the game of golf. During the introduction, Mr. Ray will address the student's questions, perceptions, and expectations of what they will learn on the links.

Fran Estabrook, Eagle Creek Golf Course manager, explained the clinic encourages interest in the game as well as a good way to introduce women to the rules and etiquette of golf.

This clinic is open to women who are active duty, retired military, spouses, family members and Department of Defense personnel.

"Our program is designed exclusively to meet the unique instructional needs of woman golfers and covers all aspects of the game, from how to hold the clubs to driving and putting," said Ms. Estabrook. "We want to give them those fundamental skills needed to take them from the practice tee onto the course."

To help achieve this goal, the clinic offers the women a chance to play nine-holes of golf following the clinic.

"We want to provide them with the opportunity to utilize their new skills on the course," said Ms. Estabrook. "It also gives them the chance to try the game and find out if it is the right sport for them prior to investing in the equipment as well as providing them with the confidence to play the course in either a recreational or tournament setting."

According to Ms. Estabrook, the course staff is trying to enhance their women's program by providing the free clinic, offering lessons, and bringing the fairways closer to the tee boxes for the second shot.

"We want to provide more golfing opportunities for women, because according to national statistics, more women are playing golf than ever before and make-up more than 21 percent of all golfers," said Ms. Estabrook. "They also account for more than 40 percent of beginner golfers. By increasing our women's membership, we can participate in reciprocal tournaments and show them the great opportunities available for women golfers."

Ms. Estabrook also said, "Women who play golf realize it is more than a game; it is a great way to spend more time with the family, enhance business contacts, socialize and meet new people."

Mr. Ray offers a variety of lessons through the golf course for those not familiar with the game or interested in learning how to play.

"He offers individual and group instruction, as well as providing golf clinics for beginners through advanced students," said Ms. Estabrook. "He teaches all phases of the game to all levels of ability."



John Ray, United States Golf Teachers Federation certified professional golf instructor, answers the questions and concerns of the participants during last year's golf clinic held at Eagle Creek Golf Course.

(Courtesy photo)

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Outdoor Recreation Sets Its Sites on Misawa

By Victoria Janssen, 35th Services Squadron

Misawa Air Base, Japan - Outdoor fun has begun in earnest in northern Japan with the annual opening of Misawa's paintball field, and skeet and trap range.

Whether you prefer the precision marksmanship required by skeet and trap shooting or the challenge of adrenalin-pumping paintball, Misawa's Outdoor Recreation Center has everything you need to have fun.

The Skeet & Trap Range, while not quite as popular as the Paintball Field, always attracts regulars who enjoy testing their skills. Guns, ammunition and the clay pigeons that are used as targets are all available from Outdoor Rec. For the Paintball Field, Outdoor Rec also has a full line of paint guns available for sale and rent, as well as paint and all the necessary safety accessories.

Outdoor Rec carries an expanded line of paintball products in its retail store. They also maintain a good selection of accessory products at the paintball facility to support those "must have" needs, such as gloves, loader tubes, harnesses, squeeges and, of course, paintballs.

"While we can't compete with the bargains folks can find on the Internet, we have been able to get select products to offer at reasonable prices," says Ron Stark, assistant director of Misawa's Outdoor Recreation.

Most paintball products will remain in Outdoor Recreation's main building so customers can shop seven days a week, instead of just on Saturdays and some Sundays.

New this year will be an expanded selection of paintballs to include PMI Premium and All-Star brands. PMI Premium paint is a big seller because it flies straighter than the competition's tournament paint and breaks with a non-staining fill that is relatively easy to clean up. PMI All-Star paintballs consistently break on target with remarkable accuracy.

Only paint sold by ODR may be used on the base's field, and this policy is strictly enforced. The penalty for violating the field paint rule is suspension for the day with no refunds.

Outdoor Recreation also has announced the opening of the Batting Cage and Mini-Golf. Next month, the popular base beach along the scenic Lake Ogawara will open its gates for the summer. No federal endorsement of products intended.

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Air Force Services Kicks Off "UBU" Program

Courtesy of Air Force Clubs

San Antonio, Texas -- The "UBU" (You Be You) program is a new initiative to provide a positive introduction to Air Force Services and Air Force Clubs by establishing and sustaining contact with new Air Force members at basic military and technical training schools.

This joint venture between the Air Force Services Agency and Air Education & Training Command Services kicked off in late March.

Launched under the name "UBU", the initiative stresses the benefits of participating in Services activities while off duty.

Two fast-paced, high-energy videos showing local scenes of airmen enjoying themselves in sports and leisure activities have been produced to showcase the value and benefits of Air Force Services as well as Air Force Club Membership. Services representatives will show one video during briefings to basic military trainees and another once students reach their technical schools at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Keesler AFB, Miss., Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Lackland AFB, Texas

Students will also receive a "UBU" card, which entitles them to discounts and special programs at various Services activities. The discounts range from a free round of golf and lines of bowling, to outdoor recreation discounts.

"Our research showed us that many Air Force people are not aware of the great programs and services offered by (for example) outdoor recreation until sometime during their second enlistment," said Frank Black, chief of Air Force Clubs.

"At some tech training bases, students were under the misconception that they couldn't go bowling or play golf. It became apparent that we had to do a better job getting information out to these folks, making them aware of who Air Force Services is and what it is we do."

Once a student graduates from technical training or reaches Phase IV of their training, they will be eligible for Air Force Club membership where more discounts await them. Students that sign up for club membership will receive one-year free dues and enjoy all the benefits of being an Air Force Club member like "Members First", the Air Force Scholarship Program, and Football Frenzy.

The "UBU" program is a joint venture between the Air Force Services Agency and Headquarters Air Education & Training Command.

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 ${f S}$ an Antonio, Texas -- We are continuously looking to improve our business processes by taking advantage of new technology advances. Two recent initiatives streamlines the electronic payment of payroll and centralizes returned check processing.

Bank One "One Net" Payroll Payment System.

In Feb of this year, all bases completed the conversion to the "One Net" payroll payment system. This is an Internet webbased Electronic Fund Transfer product provided by Bank One, Air Force Services' primary concentration bank. The system allows the nonappropriated fund accounting offices to upload their bi-weekly payroll file directly into the "One Net" system to credit employees' bank accounts.

No software resides on the PC, no maintenance is required, and no software upgrades are required for the web-based product. Best of all, bases no longer have to use a cumbersome PC modem for dial-up connections to Bank One, which base communications squadrons strongly objected to due to network security concerns. HQ AFSVA/SVFB personnel function as the security system administrator (establishing passwords, pin number controls and ordering SecurID Tokens), provides "handson" training for "One Net" users, and serves as the "help desk" when bases encounter problems.

Centralization of Returned Check Processing.

In Mar 2004, centralization of returned checks begins using "Re-Presented Check" processing. Special check endorsement stamps are being delivered to base activities which routes returned checks from local depositing field banks to Bank One. The returned checks are then converted by Bank One to an Electronic Fund Transfer transaction and resubmitted through the banking system for redeposit. Using the Represented Check Entry or RCK process, returned checks can be presented twice electronically. For maximum collection efficiency, checks are timed to clear on a payday. Represented Check Entry significantly streamlines the check return process, accelerates payments, provides a single location for information on returned checks, and is expected to save Services over \$300,000 each year Air Force wide in base level manpower and bank processing fee costs.

Additional information on RCK policy/accounting instructions is posted on the Agency's restricted web page (Financial Management, Download, Misc File).

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The "Big Picture" Budgeting Process

By Capt. Rick Danielson

Washington (ILV) -- Over the last few months, the Resource Management Division at the Air Staff, along with our partners at the Services Agency, has been extremely busy working the annual budget cycle and financial reporting process, for both appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees.

As many of you know, this process is not always easy to understand, comprehend, or explain. There are reports that are included in the president's budget, other reports which are used for congressional testimony, annual budgets, programming documents for the out years and reports which are used for internal planning and the continued justification of our programs, and so forth.

Where do all these numbers come from that make up our reports and budgets, and what do they all mean? Do our reports and budgets really make a difference? And how do you know what you are going to need four to five years from now? After watching this process, I can tell you, that budgeting is not always easy to understand but it is very important and the products that we team up and build are examined, studied, and used to help pave the way to success.

Budgets are the "lifeblood" of our operations and are developed at every level, from the squadron to the major command and through the Air Staff. If you are involved in this process or have the opportunity to get involved, jump at it. It may take some time to understand, but you will get a better idea of how funding decisions are made up the chain. You may not always get what you want or need but prepare your budgets and reports so that they are accurate, designed to meet the needs of your programs and operations, and are well articulated. Services has a great reputation of getting the job done...keep proper emphasis on budgets as we press ahead in building requirements to sustain our capabilities to support future AF missions!

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Ceremonial Bugles Arrive At Bases

By Capt. Joe Wellman

Washington (ILV) -- In March, many base Honor Guards began receiving one or more Ceremonial Bugles. The Ceremonial Bugle is a *digital recording* that offers a *sharp and clear rendition of Taps*. It is designed to replace the boom-box rendition of Taps used when a "live" bugler is not available. In other words, the Honor Guard Program Manager remains responsible to schedule a "live" bugler whenever possible. If a "live" bugler is not available, the Ceremonial Bugle may then be used with the permission of the family. Base Honor Guards continue to do a *spectacular job* in teaming with base officials and families in paying well-deserved tributes to our fallen comrades!

This policy will be included in the next revision of AFI 34-242, Chapter 8. If you have any questions concerning the policy on the Ceremonial Bugle, please call Capt. Joe Wellman, DSN 664-0329 or commercial, 703-604-0329.

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Armed Forces Entertainment Hosts 2004 Conference

By Maj. Sherry Turner

Washington (ILV) -- The staff of the Armed Forces Entertainment office is already making preparations to identify and fulfill fiscal year 2005 tour requirements of the supported commands.

Armed Forces Entertainment hosted its annual conference from February 24 to 26 in Arlington, Va., with the intent of providing attending regional and country coordinators the opportunity to gain a better understanding of AFE operations; to share lessons learned and challenges regarding their particular regions; and to work with their respective circuit managers to develop entertainment plans for the upcoming year.

This year's conference was the largest attended to date and included briefings from American Forces Network, a strong ally for AFE's broadening marketing efforts, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, which handles all entertainer flight arrangements, and the United Service Organizations, AFE's partner for celebrity entertainment.

Conference participants included representatives from the six circuits: Pacific, Southwest Asia, Europe, Balkans, Mediterranean and Caribbean.

The overall response was one of great appreciation for the wealth of knowledge shared and gained during the conference. While learning how AFE recruits talent and orchestrates entertainment tours, understanding how the USO recruits celebrity talent based on AFE requirements stirred up many questions and comments.

Celebrity talent such as Gary "Lt. Dan" Sinise recently toured Singapore, Diego Garcia and Korea, thanks to AFE. He is just one of many celebrity entertainers who eagerly requests to entertain troops and family members overseas.

While not considered "celebrities" the Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders also completed their tour of the Pacific in March. Not only do the entertainers gain a greater sense of appreciation for what our service men and women do every day but they also give our troops and family members an opportunity to receive a "touch of home" if only for a few minutes.

As AFE continues to play out the remaining FY04 tour requirements, roughly 30 entertainers are contracted, or being contracted, to visit and/or perform at over 200 military installations overseas.

Developing the FY05 entertainment plan for each circuit was the



Titans Cheerleaders with fans in Japan.



Lt. Dan plays for troops in Diego Garcia.

culminating event of the AFE conference. By having key personnel on site, representing the desires and interests of their command, will ensure the right type of talent is provided at the right locations, at the right time. This is the mission of AFE; to provide quality entertainment to our troops overseas, while contributing to operational readiness by taking care of the morale of our troops and family members. AFE is a critical component of agile combat support and consistently look for ways to increase its contributions to force readiness!

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How Young Oaks Grow...the making of an Air Force Lodging Manager

Courtesy of Air Force Lodging

San Antonio, Texas -- The Air Force Lodging Management Trainee program is the foundation for developing new base lodging managers throughout the Air Force. This program began in the mid 1980s and has produced many successful and professional lodging managers.

The MT program places up to four new trainees in a formal training "internship" for two years. In the past, many of our MTs graduated from college hospitality programs with little to no knowledge or experience with the Air Force. Due to this, the first year in this program is simply indoctrination to the Air Force way of thinking and working in Lodging.

The first year teaches basic skills in food handling, first aid, facilities, personnel, resource protection, and various computer software programs specific to Air Force lodging. In addition, MTs have an opportunity to work in several other Services activities, such as enlisted and officer clubs, bowling centers, fitness centers, and resource management. This gives them an understanding of the overall mission of a Services Squadron.

They also learn the inter-relationships between Services and other base agencies such as the fire department, safety, civil engineers, and logistics. It's an opportunity to develop communication and organizational skills.

During the second year, MT get additional specialized training and experience. They work directly with protocol and learn the impact on lodging by supervising a major function from start to finish. They rotate into and supervise the front desk and reservations sections to gather first hand understanding of the importance of customer relations and service. They manage and perform housekeeping and maintenance activities. Next, they get first-hand training in accounting and financial management, learning how to manage accounts payable and accounts receivable; manage sundry resale operations, conduct purchasing, control inventories, and determine lodging rates. While learning all these duties, MTs work alternate work schedules, performing night audits, and supervise shift changes. By the time the MT has finished the two-year program, they are qualified as lodging managers, possessing valuable tools to assist with the development of the 5-year capital improvement plan, the rate determination process, and marketing plans and programs. They will be eager and prepared to run their own lodging operation.

Ultimately, the trainee will be placed as a lodging assistant manager, general manager, or somewhere within the major command (MAJCOM) that hosted them. If a vacant position does not exist within that MAJCOM upon graduation, they are available Air Force wide. Annual salaries range from \$32,000 to \$34,000 with cost of living increases each year and possible locality pay. The MT also earns two weeks of paid vacation per year, travel opportunities both stateside and overseas, very competitive health benefits, and membership on the worldwide Air Force team. In addition, these MT positions serve as stepping-stones to higher leadership and management positions at base level, and major command or Air Force-level headquarters. The AF lodging management trainee program offers a great opportunity for recent college graduate.

According to Christian Peale, our most recent graduate of the MT program and newly assigned assistant manager at the Nellis Inn at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, "The Air Force Lodging MT program has provided me opportunities far greater than I could ever had hoped for in the commercial sector..."

The success of Air Force Lodging MT program has proven over the years that investing time and resources pays dividends in the end. Air Force Lodging MT's have more responsibility and gain more real-world experience than many of their college classmates could ever dream of getting right out of college.

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Advice from the ACC Lead Test MAJCOM on Preparing for NAF Transformation

Courtesy of NAF Transformation

San Antonio, Texas – In December 2003, Headquarters Air Combat Command and three of its bases, - Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Whiteman AFB, Mo., and Minot AFB, N.D. – began partnering with the NAF Transformation Team to test the new processes for transmitting accounting information directly from base activities to the new Shared Service Center in here.

The NAFT goal is to produce timely, accurate, complete, and accessible accounting information on which to base NAF business and financial decisions, supported by our new Oracle financial system. The base RMF will no longer provide a safety net to ensure that accounting information coming from the activities is accurate and complete. Therefore, to realize the benefits of the SSC and the new Oracle financial system, activity managers must assume responsibility for the quality of the information leaving their operations.

Diane Campbell, ACC MAJCOM SVF, the energetic and creative leader of the drive to ensure that ACC is fully prepared for deployment, sent the following letter to the RMFCs at the 10 ACC bases not involved in testing so that they could start improving the quality of their information now.

You too can get ahead of the curve by adopting the labor saving and accuracy-improving tips she shared with her bases. The attachments Diane refers to can be found under Best Practices on the NAFT website.

Hello Everyone,

I have been remiss in providing an update on the status of NAF Transformation, and for this I apologize. But things have been moving fast and furiously. The NAF-T test began Dec 1, 2003 at Davis Monthan, Minot and Whiteman AFBs. T

The three test bases are currently in the first phase, i.e., scanning current daily accounting information and transmitting it to the SSC, collecting metrics on the transmission process and recording accounting errors caught by the RMF staff. They are still using the Field Accounting System to produce their monthly financial statements.

In a continuing effort to be proactive, we plan to periodically update everyone with information that will assist with implementation. As you all know, NAF accounting processes will change as a result of NAF-T; however, the test bases have already identified a number of things that you can start doing to gain some efficiency now as well as prepare for implementation of the new accounting system at your base. Although we are only 60 days into the test, the following **hot tips** are provided for your use now.

I encourage you to use the information provided and adjust to the method best suited to your local needs. We strongly encourage you to begin implementing process improvements where needed within your Services organization now in order to make the transition smoother in the upcoming months.

Software Utilization:

If you need assistance on maximizing your existing software, have the activity manager contact their MAJCOM counterparts. Many activities have invested in a point-of-sale system and currently are not using all of the many options that would help management, as well as improve the quality of your accounting reports (i.e., Cashier's Reports).

Standardization and maintenance of data within the POS system is critical to not only ensure that activity income is being recorded correctly, but also allow for interfacing with the new COTS software. Although standard POS systems have not been identified for all Services activities, Lodging, Clubs, and Bowling are standard.

GLACs and Cost Centers:

The majority of the activities are well aware of the GLACs they typically use by reviewing the Income & Expense statement; however, providing the activities with a list of the current GLACs and Cost Center Codes most frequently used by their activity will assist in ensuring that day-to-day paperwork reflects correct information.

If the activities do not already have a list readily available, recommend you provide them copies (through their applicable Flight Chiefs) of the General Ledger Chart of Accounts and Cost Center Codes – I recommend you highlight those most frequently used by that activity.

Vendor Codes:

Explain to the activity managers how important accurate vendor code information is when paying an invoice and have the activity managers include the vendor codes on all receiving reports. Each month/quarter updated vendor code reports should be provided to activity managers in order to keep them up to date with correct codes and also serve as a reminder of current available vendors. You may find it useful to have an accounts payable stamp for them to use on the documents to ensure all required information is provided (Check the NAF-T website under best Practices).

Subsidiaries:

Subsidiaries must be in balance with the general ledger. If the activities aren't already keeping their subsidiaries, now is the time to start having the activities handle some of their subsidiaries. You may want to approach this change in a phased manner so that neither the activities nor the NAF AO is overwhelmed.

Recurring Journal Vouchers:

The NAF-T team provided Instructions for setting up Recurring Journal Voucher entries for non-prepaid transactions to the test bases. [You'll find them on the NAF-T website.] If you are not already using this product, I recommend you give it a try.

Electronic Paperwork:

Many products we use within the NAF AO to record business transactions can be produced from either the POS system or from an Excel file. Using an electronic version of a form improves legibility by minimizing the handwriting errors and also speeds up the processing time. Check out the NAF-T website under Best Practices for a sample of the electronic AF Form 1876.

Resale Inventory:

As we previously advised, all inventories currently residing on the FAS will have to be moved prior to implementation of the new COTS software. If you are currently using a POS system in any of your activities, you can begin to migrate your inventories from the FAS to the activity. Also, the AFSVA has developed a resale inventory system that will be beta tested by ACC test bases.

You will be advised when the system is available for your use. You should begin now to scrub your databases and ensure that like items are not listed more than once, e.g. 8-ounce water, plastic bottle; water-8-ounce; or water bottle-8-ounce-plastic. [Ed. Note: Also see the December-January issue of News and Views on the AFSVA website, News from the Agency, for further detail about getting resale inventories off the financial accounting system.]

Process Improvement:

Each test base has identified numerous opportunities for training with activity managers, office clerks, and flight chiefs. Davis Monthan is working within flights and scheduling one-on-one training in identified areas by sending NAF AO personnel to the activity to help out and clarify accounting processes. Minot has appointed a NAF AO task lead as a focal point for collection of paperwork, which is reviewed at a central desk.

On-the-spot training takes place with managers, if needed. Whiteman activity managers are given the daily error reports received from NAF-T so that they can be proactive in correcting their paperwork. Each base is communicating with Services team members on the need to be proactive and standardize the accounting processes; one of the Services Deputies has attended the weekly teleconference call.

When NAF Transformation comes to fruition, accurate information from the activities will be imperative - the info they "punch in" is what will eventually update the general ledger. If there are any problems with getting accurate, complete information from your activities, I recommend you start process improvement now. Beginning this change management early on will make the transformation easier down the road.

Whatever means you select to accomplish the goal is your choice - what ever works best at your base. You could use a spirit of competition among the activities (incentives for excellence), send training teams to the activities, have an on-the-spot QC done at the receiving desk in the NAF AO, or a combination of all of these methods.

Best Practices:

Each base has a best practice in place - we'd like you to send us yours. [note: Diane ends by suggesting that ACC bases contact her by email or DSN. Instead, we suggest that you send your best practices to your MAJCOM SVF for circulation throughout your MAJCOM and also to NAFT at project.phoenix@agency.afsv.af.mil, so that we can post it on the web for everyone to see.]

Below is an example of the proposed Accounts Payable Stamp and the instructions for setting up the Recurring Journal Voucher entries.

<u>Click here to view</u> Sample Accounts Payable Stamp <u>Click here to view</u>

Instructions for <u>Setting Up Recurring Journal Voucher (RJV) Entries</u>

Regards, Diane

Special Experience Identifiers

By Chief Master Sgt. Denise Knebel, Senior Enlisted Manager

San Antonio, Texas – Greetings Services family,

Our Services Enlisted Council began working to establish Special Experience Identifiers in August 2003.

We are excited that as a result, at the end of April 2004, seven SEIs will be available for Services enlisted personnel. That's all great of course, but what are SEIs? The Air Force uses SEIs to rapidly identify already experienced resources to meet unique circumstances, contingency requirements, or management needs. SEIs also provide a means to track individuals and identify positions requiring or providing unique experience or training. Simply, SEIs are a management tool used to identify experience.

As we know, Services personnel are a highly diverse and "multi-taskable" group of individuals and as such are tremendously flexible and valuable to Services and Air Force leadership. Of course, to maintain this flexibility, we require personnel to rotate through our core areas (food, fitness/sports, lodging, and readiness/mortuary). Rotation helps ensure personnel gain experience necessary to adequately function in any given situation (peacetime or wartime). Unfortunately, rotation can result in a loss of operational continuity, which is especially impacting considering our mission and deployment loads.

The establishment of SEIs gives us the best of both worlds. We maintain our flexibility (generalization) and also have a core of personnel with enhanced training and experience to help improve operations and programs, training, and customer service.

Also, our fitness SEIs support the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's fitness vision by ensuring we have true fitness experts and operational continuity available at each base. Not only that, but SEIs also help increase mid-level NCO experience, stability/continuity, and their ability to train others (share the knowledge and improve operations). We also project a positive impact on retention.

Special Experience Identifiers do not normally effect personnel assignments. At continental United States bases only, major commands can designate up to 50 percent of SEI coded positions with three-year controlled tour codes (establishing all as controlled tour codes would upset the balance/requirement for overseas returnees etc.). Remember, controlled tour codes (for SEIs) can't be applied to overseas positions because DEROS rules apply.

Further guidance on SEIs can be found in AFMAN 36-2108, Enlisted Classification, our new career field education and training plan, and our AFSVA website at https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/EN/. Please find commonly asked questions and answers below.

Special Experience Identifiers are a great initiative for the career field. Please call your MAJCOM Senior Enlisted Services Manager, your MAJCOM training manager, the AFSVA training office, or me if you have further questions.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON SPECIAL EXPERIENCE IDENTIFIERS

Q1 – Why establish Special Experience Identifiers?

A1 – The Services (3M0) career field has researched ways to improve our enlisted career pathing for over two years; the Services Senior Enlisted Manager and Services Enlisted Council (SEC) conducted working groups and Integrated Process Team (IPT) reviews to propose the best career field structure and career progression for our enlisted force. All these actions were targeted to keep Services functioning at peak efficiency during both wartime and peacetime, for both internal and external customers, and in support of the overall Air Force mission. We'll use SEIs to build an Air Force wide core of "experts" in each functional area.

Q2 – What good do SEIs do for the Services career field?

A2 – Our "specialists" who earn SEIs will have the depth of expertise to enhance operations while training others in their core area of expertise. We'll use SEI-coded positions as incentives for young troops who'd like to stay with the Services family. They'll set our folks up for success as food service, fitness, lodging and readiness managers.

Q3 – Where can you find SEI training requirements?

A3 – All Air Force SEI requirements are in AFMAN 36-2108, Enlisted Classification. Our Services SEI requirements are new and will be reflected in the next revision (effective Apr 04).

Q4 - Will we still be 3M0X1s?

A4 – Yes. We are not breaking up ("shredding") the career field.

Q5 – Why not just separate into different career fields?

A5 – The Air Force needs Services to be "generalists," particularly in the deployed environment; maintaining our breadth of expertise also helps us maintain career field flexibility.

Q6 – Why are most of the SEI positions targeted toward senior airmen and staff sergeants (5 levels)?

A6 – Airmen and airmen 1st classes are apprentices...their training focus is acquiring proficiency, completing upgrade training, and learning about the career field and Air Force way of life. Junior non-commissioned officers are front line supervisors and have the most direct impact on our airmen and our operations.

Q7 - Who can get a SEI?

A7 – Anyone actually assigned to an SEI coded position on the Unit Manning Document and who meets all training and time criteria/requirements in AFMAN 36-2108, Enlisted Classification, can achieve the applicable SEI.

Q8 - How will leadership decide who will get an SEI?

A8 – Your unit leadership will competitively select the best candidate for SEI-coded positions; they'll look at everything from motivation and leadership ability to quality force indicators like unfavorable information files and weight management program status. Each candidate also has to have enough retainability in the career field to make SEI training a worthwhile investment for the Air Force. We've put out standardized guidance for unit leaders to follow in selecting the best qualified candidate for each position.

Q9 – Will someone with an SEI have a better chance at promotion to senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant?

A9 – Not necessarily. Some of our senior master sergeants and chief master sergeants in Services today came up through the ranks focused on one main functional area, like food service; others earned their rank while focusing on more than one core area. We're growing expertise in our mid-grade enlisted force; we still need a senior enlisted force capable of generalization. Limited specialization increases program continuity and training for all personnel, and it improves both deployed and home station operations.

Q10 – Will Services enlisted members in SEI-coded positions test with all other Services personnel for promotion?

A10 – Yes, because SEIs do not equate to separate specialties and do not remove anyone from the career field; everyone has to meet the same promotion test requirements.

Q11 - Will SEI holders have an advantage/disadvantage on promotion tests?

A11 – Not necessarily. They may have a slight advantage on the questions in their core area of expertise. However, promotion tests are written to test against all the Services core areas. Our "generalists" will have the advantage of rotating through several core areas, where they'll be exposed to a broader range of Services functions.

Q12 - How will SEIs affect our CDCs?

A12 – They won't affect our CDCs at all. Our CDCs undergo periodic review and update based on changes to the way we do business or advances in information or technology...regardless of whether or not we have SEIs attached to our positions.

Q13 - What happens if you've been awarded an SEI and then move to a new base?

A13 –When you move to a new base, your new leadership will review your inbound records and the records of their "in place" members who are competitive for SEI-coded positions. They'll select the best candidate for any SEI-coded vacancies from their pool of eligible candidates, balancing unit needs with your needs for professional development. So when you move you could either be assigned to a position coded for your SEI or to something different, depending on mission need. Some of our SEI-coded positions will also be coded as controlled tours, so members in those positions will stay there for a minimum of three years to grow their expertise.

Q14 – How do you earn an SEI and how long do you keep it?

A14 – AFMAN 36-2108, Airman Classification, lists all the specific time and training requirements for earning an SEI. You have to be assigned to an SEI-coded position, meet all these requirements, and get your supervisor's recommendation to earn the SEI. Once you earn an SEI, it stays in your records for the rest of your career, giving us a way to track your experience when you're considered for future positions.

Q15 – Can you earn more than one SEI?

A15 – Yes, you can earn multiple SEIs in different functional areas if you're selected as the best eligible candidate when other SEI-coded positions come vacant. However, the intent of our SEI initiative is specialization, not more generalization. Professionally, we'll encourage individuals assigned to SEI-coded positions to grow depth in a single functional area, not try to accumulate as many SEIs as possible.

Q16 – How long can you stay in a SEI position?

A16 – In theory, you can stay in an SEI-coded position until you're promoted or you PCS. In practice, your unit leadership may choose to rotate you out of that position after several years experience so they can give other eligible candidates the opportunity to earn an SEI.

Q17- Will we still rotate?

A17– Our Career Field Education and Training Plan gives the most up-to-date information on typical Services rotations for enlisted personnel in non-SEI authorizations. Members below staff sergeant should plan to rotate every 24 months. Staff sergeants should plan on rotating every 36 months. Tech. sergeants and above rotate based on mission needs and at the commander's direction. If you're assigned to an SEI-coded position, you may be assigned to it for at least 36 months before rotation.

Q18 - Will only SEI personnel have access to specialized training?

A18 - No, but personnel assigned to SEI-coded positions have priority for specialized training that supports their SEI requirements. All others continue to compete for training opportunities like they did before the SEIs were implemented. Remember, it's ultimately each person's responsibility to keep documented proof of all training they've successfully completed.

Q19 - How long do you have to complete all SEI training requirements associated with the SEI coded position to which you are assigned?

A19 - Under normal circumstances, you will have one year to complete all requirements. However, due to AEF commitments, the commander may allow extra time. However, if someone takes an excessive amount of time to complete training, they should be removed from the SEI coded position (and someone else assigned).

Q20 - Will personnel who hold a SEI/are in SEI coded positions deploy?

A20 – Yes.

Q21 – Will SEIs apply during contingencies/deployments?

A21 – SEIs may be reflected in reporting instructions/requirements to clearly identify expertise to deployed commanders.

Q22 – How will SEIs affect the ANG and Reserves?

A22 - There's no difference between active, ANG or Reserve requirements. You might see fewer ANG or Reserve SEI-coded positions since they often have less duty time available meet all time and training criteria.

Q23 – Are SEIs related to the assignment process?

A23 - No. Vacant SEI-coded positions do not drive normal PCS assignments. However, SEIs can be identified as a requirement for hire in Equal Plus positions. Unit leaders may backfill SEI-coded vacancies with "in place" candidates who meet all criteria. Although assignment personnel may look at any individual's expertise at any time, the expertise itself does not drive an assignment.

Q24 - Can civilians be awarded SEIs?

A24 – No. Although some civilians get nearly the same training as their military counterparts, the SEIs listed in AFMAN 36-2108, Airman Classification, apply only to enlisted authorizations.

Q25 - Who funds SEIs?

A25 - Air Force Services will fund fitness training required for SEI coded fitness positions through FY07. Major commands must identify all their SEI training requirements and submit for funding during the FY07 APOM process.

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Etiquette -- The Origins of the Word

By Maggie Bonner, Air Force Clubs

King Louis XIV's gardener at the Palace of Versailles had a serious problem with the lack of good manners and respect for property from the upper crust and nobility that visited the palace. They showed no consideration for the beautiful but fragile areas of the king's garden. Instead men, women and children alike frolicked and trampled about the ornate garden areas as though they were in the woods on a foxhunt.

The gardner tried everything civilized to keep guests from destroying the splendor of the renowned gardens. He built comfortable pathways that meandered through the most intricate and celebrated areas plus he designed consort and resting pavilions and even play areas for the enjoyment of the King's quests and young visitors. He put up hedges and even erected elaborately ornate miniature fences and gates. Nothing worked. The seeded and planting beds were still routinely trampled and ravaged.

His efforts to dissuade their rude and destructive behavior failed. So, finally, with the permission of his King, he posted small signs in different parts of the garden. These signs were called "ETIQUETS." They warned everyone to "Remain on the Pathways" and to "Keep off the Grass". When this course of action also failed, the King became personally involved and at court he issued an official decree that no one was permitted to go beyond the boundaries of the signs. This action worked.

Later, but still during the reign of King Louis XIV, an extra "T" was added to the word etiquets and it became "Etiquette." The word "Etiquette" was then used in conjunction with a "ticket" issued in the form of an invitation to attend specific court functions.

The ticket included the generic information for admittance to the function, Added to the ticket were the rules regarding when to arrive, what to wear, what price to pay, where to stand or sit and what to do during the event. The ticket became so prized that when someone received one, they said they were invited to an "Etiquette Event." In other words, it was a ticket

(invitation) so restricted that there were specific prescribed rules that governed one's attendance.

The word 'etiquette' has evolved through the decades, but in many ways it still means, "Keep off the Grass." Remembering to remain within the flexible boundaries of civil behavior allows relationships and us as individuals to grow like the flowers in King Louis' garden. Moreover, it lets us present ourselves with confidence and authority in all areas of our professional and personal life.

ETIQUETTE – (noun) ticket; the conduct or procedure required by good breeding or prescribed by authority to be observed in one's social or official life.

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"UBU" Program Kicks Off With Houses <u>Parties</u>

Courtesy of Air Force Clubs

San Antonio, Texas -- The "UBU" (You Be You) program kicked off March 29, 2004 when Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Services staff briefed the newest group of basic military trainees prior to their graduation.

The BMTs were shown a high-energy video showing scenes of airmen enjoying themselves in sports and leisure activities to showcase the value and benefits of Air Force Services as well as Air Force Club Membership.

They also received a "UBU" card, which entitles them to discounts and special programs at various Services activities at their technical training base. The discounts range from a free round of golf and lines of bowling, to discounts at Outdoor Recreation.

Later that same week at Sheppard AFB and Goodfellow AFB (both in Texas), Services staff at both bases kicked off "UBU" with a huge House Party.

The House Party was free to all first-term technical training students and featured free food, music, and prizes. Those students who signed up for Air Force Club membership not only received one-year free dues, but also were eligible to win X-Box game consoles. Similar "UBU" House Parties were held at Lackland AFB and Keelser AFB, Miss., on April 9 and April 16, respectfully.

The "UBU" program is a new initiative to provide a positive introduction to Air Force Services and Air Force Clubs by establishing and sustaining contact with new Air Force members at basic military and technical training schools.

The "UBU" program is a joint venture between the Air Force Services Agency and Headquarters Air Education & Training Command.

For more information about the "UBU" program, visit www.af-ubu.com.

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Armed Forces Entertainment - Doing Our Part

Washington (ILV) - Armed Forces Entertainment understands the importance of maintaining high troop morale to enhance operational readiness. AFE contributes to this mission by deploying hundreds of incredible entertainers to entertain troops and family members overseas. There are four Circuit Managers within AFE who are responsible for the selection and hiring of all entertainers, celebrities and non-celebrities, who tour as part of the AFE program. The managers work at top speed to ensure our troops stationed overseas continually receive the best entertainment possible.

How are entertainment needs determined? Armed Forces Entertainment sends an official message for tour requirements to all major commands annually, with responses due each March. With those submissions in mind, Circuit Managers review dozens of applicants approximately every two weeks to select the best talent to meet the command's needs. Entertainers represent not only AFE, but also each Service and the Department of Defense, so the Circuit Managers are particular about who is selected for the program. With regards to the non-celebrity tours, "many of the acts are on the verge of something greater. The bands tour the popular college bar circuits in Austin, Nashville, LA and all along the East Coast," says Marine Corps Capt. Joshua Anderson , Balkans and European Circuit Manager. Celebrity tours are typically worked in conjunction with the United Service Organizations.

Air Force 1st Lt. Sergio Rios, Southwest Asia Circuit manager says, "AFE is your one-stop shop for entertainment. We do it all; we seek out entertainment, book travel, work all tour logistics, set up visas and passports, complete country clearances, you name it." Despite the efficiency of the Circuit Managers, challenges do surface. First Lieutenant Rios' first hurdle as a new Circuit Manager was "to deploy a 189 person celebrity tour which was the first to go into Iraq after the war." From coordinating airlift support and lodging accommodations to meeting the needs of each participant, First Lieutenant Rios knows first hand the effort and dedication it takes to make a tour happen, "the ability to send a little bit of home to our troops who are deployed from their families and loved ones makes this job rewarding." Captain Anderson agrees the focused work and commitment pays off. "It's good to see the final product of our labors. To see troops thoroughly enjoy a show and interact with the entertainers gives me a terrific sense of accomplishment."

The response to the entertainment AFE deploys is outstanding. The intent is to send out as much of the type of entertainment the troops want, and the installations can handle. Everyone from cheerleaders, comedians, bands (all genres), wrestlers, family entertainers, and sports, NASCAR and television and big screen stars, want to show their appreciation for the commitment and sacrifices our Service men and women have made, and are making, to ensure our way of life and defend democracy around the globe. According to Army Maj. Turner, Pacific Circuit Manager, there are over 270 military installations, in 50 countries, that receive outstanding entertainment thanks to AFE. "The troops love it as much as the entertainers themselves." "Not only do we receive 'thank you' notes and constant requests for more entertainment from the commanders and troops, but we also receive great feedback from the entertainers; most of whom are humbled by the experience."

John Field manages the Mediterranean and Caribbean circuit and has been with AFE for five years. During this time he has seen the positive results of AFE efforts over and over again. "The message that AFE brings from home is one of the strongest morale boosters in the military. To see the troops smile and their feet tapping, to hear their



L-R: Capt Anderson, Maj Turner, Lt Haskins, Mr. Field and 1st Lt. Rios

laughter, and to feel their joy at seeing and hearing something they haven't seen live since they left the States; to remind them they are not forgotten, that's what we do," says Mr. Field.

As summer looms around the corner with 4th of July celebrations fast approaching, the Circuit Managers are busy coordinating, finalizing and tracking the 45 tours currently on going or ready to deploy. Celebrities such as Toby Keith and Colin Quinn to groups such as Hometown News and Blake Stamper, Polynesian dancers, wrestlers, magicians and comedians are all showing their support to troops overseas.

All of this great entertainment comes with a price and that's where Navy Lt. Heidi Haskins comes in. As the Resource Advisor for AFE, she assists with the contracting and financial obligations for all tours and works closely with the Circuit Managers to ensure prompt payments are made. Serving as the RA has given Lieutenant Haskins the "exposure to systems and processes that I ordinarily wouldn't be directly involved in during shipboard operations." Lieutenant Haskins also has the opportunity to assist with tours deploying to SWA. "The excitement that a group has about the opportunity to take a soldier, sailor or airman's mind off of the day to day challenges they have while deployed" is what Lieutenant Haskins says she enjoys the most when planning tours.

"Taking quality entertainment to our troops overseas" is not just AFE's motto.... it's the creed the staff operates by.

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From the Field



Services Offers Off-Base Activity Ideas

By Senior Airman Wes Auldridge 379th AEW Public Affairs

Southwest Asia -- The 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron provides local area travel information to all people assigned to the base who are interested in self-directed off-base activities.

"One of the benefits of military service is the opportunity to see foreign lands and experience different cultures," said Maj. Andrew Langfeld, 379th ESVS commander. "I encourage people to take advantage of their time here by getting out and exploring the many things this area has to offer. You are sure to find things you will remember for a very long time to come."

Many of the activities Services will direct people to are:

- The National Museum
- Palm Tree Island, offers swimming and water sports
- . Bowling center, 32 lanes with shoes for rent
- Local zoo, includes gardens, traditional zoo animals as well as some desert creatures
- · A local amusement park
- · City center shopping mall
- Al Bida Park, includes several shallow wading pools and shops
- Horse riding lessons, 45 minutes each, three times per week
- Sailing, with dinghies and windsurfers also available
- Fishing trips, 20-foot Yamaha boat, equipped with outriggers, fish finder and rods
- Scuba diving, training ranges from basic skills to advanced diving
- Movie theaters, located in the mall
- Golf, 18-hole championship course, 9-hole floodlit Academy course, practice facilities, putting and chipping greens

Camel races, dates will be announced when they become available.

Information on each of these activities can be found on the Services intranet Web site.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Slagle, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Staff Judge Advocate, said during his tour here he has enjoyed the opportunities the host nation allows.

"I have had the opportunity to play golf at the country club, and it is a wonderful facility," he said. "The course is well maintained and is very challenging. The club seems to cater to Westerners, and I would recommend it for anyone who enjoys golf."



The host nation offers many sites and activities.

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Air Force Services Kicks Off "UBU" Program

Courtesy of Air Force Clubs

San Antonio, Texas -- The "UBU" (You Be You) program is a new initiative to provide a positive introduction to Air Force Services and Air Force Clubs by establishing and sustaining contact with new Air Force members at basic military and technical training schools.

This joint venture between the Air Force Services Agency and Air Education & Training Command Services kicked off in late March.

Launched under the name "UBU", the initiative stresses the benefits of participating in Services activities while off duty.

Two fast-paced, high-energy videos showing local scenes of airmen enjoying themselves in sports and leisure activities have been produced to showcase the value and benefits of Air Force Services as well as Air Force Club Membership. Services representatives will show one video during briefings to basic military trainees and another once students reach their technical schools at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Keesler AFB, Miss., Sheppard AFB, Texas, and Lackland AFB, Texas.

Students will also receive a "UBU" card, which entitles them to discounts and special programs at various Services activities. The discounts range from a free round of golf and lines of bowling, to outdoor recreation discounts.

- "Our research showed us that many Air Force people are not aware of the great programs and services offered by (for example) outdoor recreation until sometime during their second enlistment," said Frank Black, chief of Air Force Clubs.
- "At some tech training bases, students were under the misconception that they couldn't go bowling or play golf. It became apparent that we had to do a better job getting information out to these folks, making them aware of who Air Force Services is and what it is we do."

Once a student graduates from technical training or reaches Phase IV of their training, they will be eligible for Air Force Club membership where more discounts await them. Students that sign up for club membership will receive one-year free dues and enjoy all the benefits of being an Air Force Club member like "Members First", the Air Force Scholarship Program, and Football Frenzy.

The "UBU" program is a joint venture between the Air Force Services Agency and Headquarters Air Education & Training Command.



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Improving Business Solutions With New Technology

Courtesy of Services Agency Financial Management & Comptroller

San Antonio, Texas -- We are continuously looking to improve our business processes by taking advantage of new technology advances. Two recent initiatives streamlines the electronic payment of payroll and centralizes returned check processing.

Bank One "One Net" Payroll Payment System.

In Feb of this year, all bases completed the conversion to the "One Net" payroll payment system. This is an Internet web-based Electronic Fund Transfer product provided by Bank One, Air Force Services' primary concentration bank. The system allows the nonappropriated fund accounting offices to upload their bi-weekly payroll file directly into the "One Net" system to credit employees' bank accounts.

No software resides on the PC, no maintenance is required, and no software upgrades are required for the web-based product. Best of all, bases no longer have to use a cumbersome PC modem for dial-up connections to Bank One, which base communications squadrons strongly objected to due to network security concerns. HQ AFSVA/SVFB personnel function as the security system administrator (establishing passwords, pin number controls and ordering SecurID Tokens), provides "handson" training for "One Net" users, and serves as the "help desk" when bases encounter problems.

Centralization of Returned Check Processing.

In Mar 2004, centralization of returned checks begins using "Re-Presented Check" processing. Special check endorsement stamps are being delivered to base activities which routes returned checks from local depositing field banks to Bank One. The returned checks are then converted by Bank One to an Electronic Fund Transfer transaction and resubmitted through the banking system for redeposit. Using the Represented Check Entry or RCK process, returned checks can be presented twice electronically. For maximum collection efficiency, checks are timed to clear on a payday. Represented Check Entry significantly streamlines the check return process, accelerates payments, provides a single location for information on returned checks, and is expected to save Services over \$300,000 each year Air Force wide in base-level manpower and bank processing fee costs.

Additional information on RCK policy/accounting instructions is posted on the Agency's restricted web page (Financial Management, Download, Misc File).

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The "Big Picture" Budgeting Process

By Capt. Rick Danielson

Washington (ILV) -- Over the last few months, the Resource Management Division at the Air Staff, along with our partners at the Services Agency, has been extremely busy working the annual budget cycle and financial reporting process, for both appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees.

As many of you know, this process is not always easy to understand, comprehend, or explain. There are reports that are included in the president's budget, other reports which are used for congressional testimony, annual budgets, programming documents for the out years and reports which are used for internal planning and the continued justification of our programs, and so forth.

Where do all these numbers come from that make up our reports and budgets, and what do they all mean? Do our reports and budgets really make a difference? And how do you know what you are going to need four to five years from now? After watching this process, I can tell you, that budgeting is not always easy to understand but it is very important and the products that we team up and build are examined, studied, and used to help pave the way to success.

Budgets are the "lifeblood" of our operations and are developed at every level, from the squadron to the major command and through the Air Staff. If you are involved in this process or have the opportunity to get involved, jump at it. It may take some time to understand, but you will get a better idea of how funding decisions are made up the chain. You may not always get what you want or need but prepare your budgets and reports so that they are accurate, designed to meet the needs of your programs and operations, and are well articulated. Services has a great reputation of getting the job done... keep proper emphasis on budgets as we press ahead in building requirements to sustain our capabilities to support future AF missions!

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Ceremonial Bugles Arrive At Bases

By Capt. Joe Wellman

Washington (ILV) -- In March, many base Honor Guards began receiving one or more Ceremonial Bugles. The Ceremonial Bugle is a *digital recording* that offers a *sharp and clear rendition of Taps*. It is designed to replace the boom-box rendition of Taps used when a "live" bugler is not available. In other words, the Honor Guard Program Manager remains responsible to schedule a "live" bugler whenever possible. If a "live" bugler is not available, the Ceremonial Bugle may then be used with the permission of the family. Base Honor Guards continue to do a *spectacular job* in teaming with base officials and families in paying well-deserved tributes to our fallen comrades!

This policy will be included in the next revision of AFI 34-242, Chapter 8. If you have any questions concerning the policy on the Ceremonial Bugle, please call Capt. Joe Wellman, DSN 664-0329 or commercial, 703-604-0329.

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Armed Forces Entertainment Hosts 2004 Conference

By Maj. Sherry Turner

Washington (ILV) -- The staff of the Armed Forces Entertainment office is already making preparations to identify and fulfill fiscal year 2005 tour requirements of the supported commands.

Armed Forces Entertainment hosted its annual conference from February 24 to 26 in Arlington, Va., with the intent of providing attending regional and country coordinators the opportunity to gain a better understanding of AFE operations; to share lessons learned and challenges regarding their particular regions; and to work with their respective circuit managers to develop entertainment plans for the upcoming year.

This year's conference was the largest attended to date and included briefings from American Forces Network, a strong ally for AFE's broadening marketing efforts, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, which handles all entertainer flight arrangements, and the United Service Organizations, AFE's partner for celebrity entertainment.

Conference participants included representatives from the six circuits: Pacific, Southwest Asia, Europe, Balkans, Mediterranean and Caribbean.

The overall response was one of great appreciation for the wealth of knowledge shared and gained during the conference. While learning how AFE recruits talent and orchestrates entertainment tours, understanding how the USO recruits celebrity talent based on AFE requirements stirred up many questions and comments.

Celebrity talent such as Gary "Lt. Dan" Sinise recently toured Singapore, Diego Garcia and Korea, thanks to AFE. He is just one of many celebrity entertainers who eagerly requests to entertain troops and family members overseas.

While not considered "celebrities" the Tennessee Titans Cheerleaders also completed their tour of the Pacific in March. Not only do the entertainers gain a greater sense of appreciation for what our service men and women do every day but they also give our troops and family members an opportunity to receive a "touch of home" if only for a few minutes.

As AFE continues to play out the remaining FY04 tour requirements, roughly 30 entertainers are contracted, or being contracted, to visit and/or perform at over 200 military installations overseas.

Developing the FY05 entertainment plan for each circuit was the culminating event of the AFE conference. By having key personnel on site, representing the desires and interests of their command, will ensure the right type of talent is provided at the right locations, at the right time. This is the mission of AFE; to provide quality entertainment to our troops overseas, while contributing to operational readiness by taking care of the morale of our troops and family members. AFE is a critical component of agile combat support and consistently look for ways to increase its contributions to force readiness!

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Titans Cheerleaders with fans in Japan.



Lt. Dan plays for troops in Diego Garcia.

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How Young Oaks Grow...the making of an Air Force Lodging Manager

Courtesy of Air Force Lodging

San Antonio, Texas -- The Air Force Lodging Management Trainee program is the foundation for developing new base lodging managers throughout the Air Force. This program began in the mid 1980s and has produced many successful and professional lodging managers.

The MT program places up to four new trainees in a formal training "internship" for two years. In the past, many of our MTs graduated from college hospitality programs with little to no knowledge or experience with the Air Force. Due to this, the first year in this program is simply indoctrination to the Air Force way of thinking and working in Lodging.

The first year teaches basic skills in food handling, first aid, facilities, personnel, resource protection, and various computer software programs specific to Air Force lodging. In addition, MTs have an opportunity to work in several other Services activities, such as enlisted and officer clubs, bowling centers, fitness centers, and resource management. This gives them an understanding of the overall mission of a Services Squadron.

They also learn the inter-relationships between Services and other base agencies such as the fire department, safety, civil engineers, and logistics. It's an opportunity to develop communication and organizational skills.

During the second year, MT get additional specialized training and experience. They work directly with protocol and learn the impact on lodging by supervising a major function from start to finish. They rotate into and supervise the front desk and reservations sections to gather first hand understanding of the importance of customer relations and service. They manage and perform housekeeping and maintenance activities. Next, they get first-hand training in accounting and financial management, learning how to manage accounts payable and accounts receivable; manage sundry resale operations, conduct purchasing, control inventories, and determine lodging rates. While learning all these duties, MTs work alternate work schedules, performing night audits, and supervise shift changes. By the time the MT has finished the two-year program, they are qualified as lodging managers, possessing valuable tools to assist with the development of the 5-year capital improvement plan, the rate determination process, and marketing plans and programs. They will be eager and prepared to run their own lodging operation.

Ultimately, the trainee will be placed as a lodging assistant manager, general manager, or somewhere within the major command (MAJCOM) that hosted them. If a vacant position does not exist within that MAJCOM upon graduation, they are available Air Force wide. Annual salaries range from \$32,000 to \$34,000 with cost of living increases each year and possible locality pay. The MT also earns two weeks of paid vacation per year, travel opportunities both stateside and overseas, very competitive health benefits, and membership on the worldwide Air Force team. In addition, these MT positions serve as stepping-stones to higher leadership and management positions at base level, and major command or Air Force-level headquarters. The AF lodging management trainee program offers a great opportunity for recent college graduate.

According to Christian Peale, our most recent graduate of the MT program and newly assigned assistant manager at the Nellis Inn at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, "The Air Force Lodging MT program has provided me opportunities far greater than I could ever had hoped for in the commercial sector..."

The success of Air Force Lodging MT program has proven over the years that investing time and resources pays dividends in the end. Air Force Lodging MT's have more responsibility and gain more real-world experience than many of their college classmates could ever dream of getting right out of college.

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Advice from the ACC Lead Test MAJCOM on Preparing for NAF Transformation

Courtesy of NAF Transformation

San Antonio, Texas – In December 2003, Headquarters Air Combat Command and three of its bases, - Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., Whiteman AFB, Mo., and Minot AFB, N.D. – began partnering with the NAF Transformation Team to test the new processes for transmitting accounting information directly from base activities to the new Shared Service Center in here.

The NAFT goal is to produce timely, accurate, complete, and accessible accounting information on which to base NAF business and financial decisions, supported by our new Oracle financial system. The base RMF will no longer provide a safety net to ensure that accounting information coming from the activities is accurate and complete. Therefore, to realize the benefits of the SSC and the new Oracle financial system, activity managers must assume responsibility for the quality of the information leaving their operations.

Diane Campbell, ACC MAJCOM SVF, the energetic and creative leader of the drive to ensure that ACC is fully prepared for deployment, sent the following letter to the RMFCs at the 10 ACC bases not involved in testing so that they could start improving the quality of their information now.

You too can get ahead of the curve by adopting the labor saving and accuracy-improving tips she shared with her bases. The attachments Diane refers to can be found under Best Practices on the NAFT website.

Hello Everyone,

I have been remiss in providing an update on the status of NAF Transformation, and for this I apologize. But things have been moving fast and furiously. The NAF-T test began Dec 1, 2003 at Davis Monthan, Minot and Whiteman AFBs. T

The three test bases are currently in the first phase, i.e., scanning current daily accounting information and transmitting it to the SSC, collecting metrics on the transmission process and recording accounting errors caught by the RMF staff. They are still using the Field Accounting System to produce their monthly financial statements.

In a continuing effort to be proactive, we plan to periodically update everyone with information that will assist with implementation. As you all know, NAF accounting processes will change as a result of NAF-T; however, the test bases have already identified a number of things that you can start doing to gain some efficiency now as well as prepare for implementation of the new accounting system at your base. Although we are only 60 days into the test, the following **hot tips** are provided for your use now.

I encourage you to use the information provided and adjust to the method best suited to your local needs. We strongly encourage you to begin implementing process improvements where needed within your Services organization now in order to make the transition smoother in the upcoming months.

Software Utilization:

If you need assistance on maximizing your existing software, have the activity manager contact their MAJCOM counterparts. Many activities have invested in a point-of-sale system and currently are not using all of the many options that would help management, as well as improve the quality of your accounting reports (i.e., Cashier's Reports).

Standardization and maintenance of data within the POS system is critical to not only ensure that activity income is being recorded correctly, but also allow for interfacing with the new COTS software. Although standard POS systems have not been identified for all Services activities, Lodging, Clubs, and Bowling are standard.

GLACs and Cost Centers:

The majority of the activities are well aware of the GLACs they typically use by reviewing the Income & Expense statement; however, providing the activities with a list of the current GLACs and Cost Center Codes most frequently used by their activity will assist in ensuring that day-to-day paperwork reflects correct information.

If the activities do not already have a list readily available, recommend you provide them copies (through their applicable Flight Chiefs) of the General Ledger Chart of Accounts and Cost Center Codes – I recommend you highlight those most frequently used by that activity.

Vendor Codes:

Explain to the activity managers how important accurate vendor code information is when paying an invoice and have the activity managers include the vendor codes on all receiving reports. Each month/quarter updated vendor code reports should be provided to activity managers in order to keep them up to date with correct codes and also serve as a reminder of current available vendors. You may find it useful to have an accounts payable stamp for them to use on the documents to ensure all required information is provided (Check the NAF-T website under best Practices).

Subsidiaries:

Subsidiaries must be in balance with the general ledger. If the activities aren't already keeping their subsidiaries, now is the time to start having the activities handle some of their subsidiaries. You may want to approach this change in a phased manner so that neither the activities nor the NAF AO is overwhelmed.

Recurring Journal Vouchers:

The NAF-T team provided Instructions for setting up Recurring Journal Voucher entries for non-prepaid transactions to the test bases. [You'll find them on the NAF-T website.] If you are not already using this product, I recommend you give it a try.

Electronic Paperwork:

Many products we use within the NAF AO to record business transactions can be produced from either the POS system or from an Excel file. Using an electronic version of a form improves legibility by minimizing the handwriting errors and also speeds up the processing time. Check out the NAF-T website under Best Practices for a sample of the electronic AF Form 1876.

Resale Inventory:

As we previously advised, all inventories currently residing on the FAS will have to be moved prior to implementation of the new COTS software. If you are currently using a POS system in any of your activities, you can begin to migrate your inventories from the FAS to the activity. Also, the AFSVA has developed a resale inventory system that will be beta tested by ACC test bases.

You will be advised when the system is available for your use. You should begin now to scrub your databases and ensure that like items are not listed more than once, e.g. 8-ounce water, plastic bottle; water-8-ounce; or water bottle-8-ounce-plastic. [Ed. Note: Also see the December-January issue of News and Views on the AFSVA website, News from the Agency, for further detail about getting resale inventories off the financial accounting system.]

Process Improvement:

Each test base has identified numerous opportunities for training with activity managers, office clerks, and flight chiefs. Davis Monthan is working within flights and scheduling one-on-one training in identified areas by sending NAF AO personnel to the activity to help out and clarify accounting processes. Minot has appointed a NAF AO task lead as a focal point for collection of paperwork, which is reviewed at a central desk.

On-the-spot training takes place with managers, if needed. Whiteman activity managers are given the daily error reports received from NAF-T so that they can be proactive in correcting their paperwork. Each base is communicating with Services team members on the need to be proactive and standardize the accounting processes; one of the Services Deputies has attended the weekly teleconference call.

When NAF Transformation comes to fruition, accurate information from the activities will be imperative - the info they "punch in" is what will eventually update the general ledger. If there are any problems with getting accurate, complete information from your activities, I recommend you start process improvement now. Beginning this change management early on will make the transformation easier down the road.

Whatever means you select to accomplish the goal is your choice - what ever works best at your base. You could use a spirit of competition among the activities (incentives for excellence), send training teams to the activities, have an on-the-spot QC done at the receiving desk in the NAF AO, or a combination of all of these methods.

Best Practices:

Each base has a best practice in place - we'd like you to send us yours. [note: Diane ends by suggesting that ACC bases contact her by email or DSN. Instead, we suggest that you send your best practices to your MAJCOM SVF for circulation throughout your MAJCOM and also to NAFT at project.phoenix@agency.afsv.af.mil, so that we can post it on the web for everyone to see.]

Below is an example of the proposed Accounts Payable Stamp and the instructions for setting up the Recurring Journal Voucher entries.

Click here to view
Sample Accounts Payable Stamp

<u>Click here to view</u>
<u>Instructions for Setting Up Recurring Journal Voucher (RJV) Entries</u>

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Special Experience Identifiers

By Chief Master Sgt. Denise Knebel, Senior Enlisted Manager

San Antonio, Texas – Greetings Services family,

Our Services Enlisted Council began working to establish Special Experience Identifiers in August 2003.

We are excited that as a result, at the end of April 2004, seven SEIs will be available for Services enlisted personnel. That's all great of course, but what are SEIs? The Air Force uses SEIs to rapidly identify already experienced resources to meet unique circumstances, contingency requirements, or management needs. SEIs also provide a means to track individuals and identify positions requiring or providing unique experience or training. Simply, SEIs are a management tool used to identify experience.

As we know, Services personnel are a highly diverse and "multi-taskable" group of individuals and as such are tremendously flexible and valuable to Services and Air Force leadership. Of course, to maintain this flexibility, we require personnel to rotate through our core areas (food, fitness/sports, lodging, and readiness/mortuary). Rotation helps ensure personnel gain experience necessary to adequately function in any given situation (peacetime or wartime). Unfortunately, rotation can result in a loss of operational continuity, which is especially impacting considering our mission and deployment loads.

The establishment of SEIs gives us the best of both worlds. We maintain our flexibility (generalization) and also have a core of personnel with enhanced training and experience to help improve operations and programs, training, and customer service.

Also, our fitness SEIs support the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's fitness vision by ensuring we have true fitness experts and operational continuity available at each base. Not only that, but SEIs also help increase mid-level NCO experience, stability/continuity, and their ability to train others (share the knowledge and improve operations). We also project a positive impact on retention.

Special Experience Identifiers do not normally effect personnel assignments. At continental United States bases only, major commands can designate up to 50 percent of SEI coded positions with three-year controlled tour codes (establishing all as controlled tour codes would upset the balance/requirement for overseas returnees etc.). Remember, controlled tour codes (for SEIs) can't be applied to overseas positions because DEROS rules apply.

Further guidance on SEIs can be found in AFMAN 36-2108, Enlisted Classification, our new career field education and training plan, and our AFSVA website at https://www-r.afsv.af.mil/EN/. Please find commonly asked questions and answers below.

Special Experience Identifiers are a great initiative for the career field. Please call your MAJCOM Senior Enlisted Services Manager, your MAJCOM training manager, the AFSVA training office, or me if you have further questions.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ON SPECIAL EXPERIENCE IDENTIFIERS

Q1 – Why establish Special Experience Identifiers?

A1 – The Services (3M0) career field has researched ways to improve our enlisted career pathing for over two years; the Services Senior Enlisted Manager and Services Enlisted Council (SEC) conducted working groups and Integrated Process Team (IPT) reviews to propose the best career field structure and career progression for our enlisted force. All these actions were targeted to keep Services functioning at peak efficiency during both wartime and peacetime, for both internal and external customers, and in support of the overall Air Force mission. We'll use SEIs to build an Air Force wide core of "experts" in each functional area.

Q2 – What good do SEIs do for the Services career field?

A2 – Our "specialists" who earn SEIs will have the depth of expertise to enhance operations while training others in their core area of expertise. We'll use SEI-coded positions as incentives for young troops who'd like to stay with the Services family. They'll set our folks up for success as food service, fitness, lodging and readiness managers.

Q3 – Where can you find SEI training requirements?

A3 – All Air Force SEI requirements are in AFMAN 36-2108, Enlisted Classification. Our Services SEI requirements are new and will be reflected in the next revision (effective Apr 04).

Q4 - Will we still be 3M0X1s?

A4 – Yes. We are not breaking up ("shredding") the career field.

Q5 – Why not just separate into different career fields?

A5 – The Air Force needs Services to be "generalists," particularly in the deployed environment; maintaining our breadth of expertise also helps us maintain career field flexibility.

Q6 – Why are most of the SEI positions targeted toward senior airmen and staff sergeants (5 levels)?

A6 – Airmen and airmen 1st classes are apprentices...their training focus is acquiring proficiency, completing upgrade training, and learning about the career field and Air Force way of life. Junior non-commissioned officers are front line supervisors and have the most direct impact on our airmen and our operations.

Q7 - Who can get a SEI?

A7 – Anyone actually assigned to an SEI coded position on the Unit Manning Document and who meets all training and time criteria/requirements in AFMAN 36-2108, Enlisted Classification, can achieve the applicable SEI.

Q8 - How will leadership decide who will get an SEI?

A8 – Your unit leadership will competitively select the best candidate for SEI-coded positions; they'll look at everything from motivation and leadership ability to quality force indicators like unfavorable information files and weight management program status. Each candidate also has to have enough retainability in the career field to make SEI training a worthwhile investment for the Air Force. We've put out standardized guidance for unit leaders to follow in selecting the best qualified candidate for each position.

Q9 – Will someone with an SEI have a better chance at promotion to senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant?

A9 – Not necessarily. Some of our senior master sergeants and chief master sergeants in Services today came up through the ranks focused on one main functional area, like food service; others earned their rank while focusing on more than one core area. We're growing expertise in our mid-grade enlisted force; we still need a senior enlisted force capable of generalization. Limited specialization increases program continuity and training for all personnel, and it improves both deployed and home station operations.

Q10 – Will Services enlisted members in SEI-coded positions test with all other Services personnel for promotion?

A10 – Yes, because SEIs do not equate to separate specialties and do not remove anyone from the career field; everyone

has to meet the same promotion test requirements.

Q11 - Will SEI holders have an advantage/disadvantage on promotion tests?

A11 – Not necessarily. They may have a slight advantage on the questions in their core area of expertise. However, promotion tests are written to test against all the Services core areas. Our "generalists" will have the advantage of rotating through several core areas, where they'll be exposed to a broader range of Services functions.

Q12 - How will SEIs affect our CDCs?

A12 – They won't affect our CDCs at all. Our CDCs undergo periodic review and update based on changes to the way we do business or advances in information or technology...regardless of whether or not we have SEIs attached to our positions.

Q13 – What happens if you've been awarded an SEI and then move to a new base?

A13 –When you move to a new base, your new leadership will review your inbound records and the records of their "in place" members who are competitive for SEI-coded positions. They'll select the best candidate for any SEI-coded vacancies from their pool of eligible candidates, balancing unit needs with your needs for professional development. So when you move you could either be assigned to a position coded for your SEI or to something different, depending on mission need. Some of our SEI-coded positions will also be coded as controlled tours, so members in those positions will stay there for a minimum of three years to grow their expertise.

Q14 – How do you earn an SEI and how long do you keep it?

A14 – AFMAN 36-2108, Airman Classification, lists all the specific time and training requirements for earning an SEI. You have to be assigned to an SEI-coded position, meet all these requirements, and get your supervisor's recommendation to earn the SEI. Once you earn an SEI, it stays in your records for the rest of your career, giving us a way to track your experience when you're considered for future positions.

Q15 – Can you earn more than one SEI?

A15 – Yes, you can earn multiple SEIs in different functional areas if you're selected as the best eligible candidate when other SEI-coded positions come vacant. However, the intent of our SEI initiative is specialization, not more generalization. Professionally, we'll encourage individuals assigned to SEI-coded positions to grow depth in a single functional area, not try to accumulate as many SEIs as possible.

Q16 - How long can you stay in a SEI position?

A16 – In theory, you can stay in an SEI-coded position until you're promoted or you PCS. In practice, your unit leadership may choose to rotate you out of that position after several years experience so they can give other eligible candidates the opportunity to earn an SEI.

A17– Our Career Field Education and Training Plan gives the most up-to-date information on typical Services rotations for enlisted personnel in non-SEI authorizations. Members below staff sergeant should plan to rotate every 24 months. Staff sergeants should plan on rotating every 36 months. Tech. sergeants and above rotate based on mission needs and at the commander's direction. If you're assigned to an SEI-coded position, you may be assigned to it for at least 36 months before rotation.

Q18 - Will only SEI personnel have access to specialized training?

A18 – No, but personnel assigned to SEI-coded positions have priority for specialized training that supports their SEI requirements. All others continue to compete for training opportunities like they did before the SEIs were implemented. Remember, it's ultimately each person's responsibility to keep documented proof of all training they've successfully completed.

Q19 – How long do you have to complete all SEI training requirements associated with the SEI coded position to which you are assigned?

A19 – Under normal circumstances, you will have one year to complete all requirements. However, due to AEF commitments, the commander may allow extra time. However, if someone takes an excessive amount of time to complete training, they should be removed from the SEI coded position (and someone else assigned).

Q20 - Will personnel who hold a SEI/are in SEI coded positions deploy?

A20 - Yes.

Q21 – Will SEIs apply during contingencies/deployments?

A21 – SEIs may be reflected in reporting instructions/requirements to clearly identify expertise to deployed commanders.

Q22 - How will SEIs affect the ANG and Reserves?

A22 – There's no difference between active, ANG or Reserve requirements. You might see fewer ANG or Reserve SEI-coded positions since they often have less duty time available meet all time and training criteria.

Q23 – Are SEIs related to the assignment process?

A23 – No. Vacant SEI-coded positions do not drive normal PCS assignments. However, SEIs can be identified as a requirement for hire in Equal Plus positions. Unit leaders may backfill SEI-coded vacancies with "in place" candidates who meet all criteria. Although assignment personnel may look at any individual's expertise at any time, the expertise itself does not drive an assignment.

Q24 - Can civilians be awarded SEIs?

A24 – No. Although some civilians get nearly the same training as their military counterparts, the SEIs listed in AFMAN 36-2108, Airman Classification, apply only to enlisted authorizations.

Q25 - Who funds SEIs?

A25 - Air Force Services will fund fitness training required for SEI coded fitness positions through FY07. Major commands must identify all their SEI training requirements and submit for funding during the FY07 APOM process.

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Etiquette -- The Origins of the Word

By Maggie Bonner, Air Force Clubs

King Louis XIV's gardener at the Palace of Versailles had a serious problem with the lack of good manners and respect for property from the upper crust and nobility that visited the palace. They showed no consideration for the beautiful but fragile areas of the king's garden. Instead men, women and children alike frolicked and trampled about the ornate garden areas as though they were in the woods on a foxhunt.

The gardner tried everything civilized to keep guests from destroying the splendor of the renowned gardens. He built comfortable pathways that meandered through the most intricate and celebrated areas plus he designed consort and resting pavilions and even play areas for the enjoyment of the King's guests and young visitors. He put up hedges and even erected elaborately ornate miniature fences and gates. Nothing worked. The seeded and planting beds were still routinely trampled and ravaged.

His efforts to dissuade their rude and destructive behavior failed. So, finally, with the permission of his King, he posted small signs in different parts of the garden. These signs were called "ETIQUETS." They warned everyone to "Remain on the Pathways" and to "Keep off the Grass". When this course of action also failed, the King became personally involved and at court he issued an official decree that no one was permitted to go beyond the boundaries of the signs. This action worked.

Later, but still during the reign of King Louis XIV, an extra "T" was added to the word etiquets and it became "Etiquette." The word "Etiquette" was then used in conjunction with a "ticket" issued in the form of an invitation to attend specific court functions.

The ticket included the generic information for admittance to the function, Added to the ticket were the rules regarding when to arrive, what to wear, what price to pay, where to stand or sit and what to do during the event. The ticket became so prized that when someone received one, they said they were invited to an "Etiquette Event." In other words, it was a ticket (invitation) so restricted that there were specific prescribed rules that governed one's attendance.

The word 'etiquette' has evolved through the decades, but in many ways it still means, "Keep off the Grass." Remembering to remain within the flexible boundaries of civil behavior allows relationships and us as individuals to grow like the flowers in King Louis' garden. Moreover, it lets us present ourselves with confidence and authority in all areas of our professional and personal life.

ETIQUETTE – (noun) ticket; the conduct or procedure required by good breeding or prescribed by authority to be observed in one's social or official life.

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"UBU" Program Kicks Off With Houses Parties

Courtesy of Air Force Clubs

San Antonio, Texas -- The "UBU" (You Be You) program kicked off March 29, 2004 when Lackland Air Force Base, Texas Services staff briefed the newest group of basic military trainees prior to their graduation.

The BMTs were shown a high-energy video showing scenes of airmen enjoying themselves in sports and leisure activities to showcase the value and benefits of Air Force Services as well as Air Force Club Membership.

They also received a "UBU" card, which entitles them to discounts and special programs at various Services activities at their technical training base. The discounts range from a free round of golf and lines of bowling, to discounts at Outdoor Recreation.

Later that same week at Sheppard AFB and Goodfellow AFB(both in Texas), Services staff at both bases kicked off "UBU" with a huge House Party.

The House Party was free to all first-term technical training students and featured free food, music, and prizes. Those students who signed up for Air Force Club membership not only received one-year free dues, but also were eligible to win X-Box game consoles. Similar "UBU" House Parties were held at Lackland AFB and Keelser AFB, Miss., on April 9 and April 16, respectfully.

The "UBU" program is a new initiative to provide a positive introduction to Air Force Services and Air Force Clubs by establishing and sustaining contact with new Air Force members at basic military and technical training schools.

The "UBU" program is a joint venture between the Air Force Services Agency and Headquarters Air Education & Training Command.

For more information about the "UBU" program, visit www.af-ubu.com.

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Armed Forces Entertainment -Doing Our Part

Washington (ILV) - Armed Forces Entertainment understands the importance of maintaining high troop morale to enhance operational readiness. AFE contributes to this mission by deploying hundreds of incredible entertainers to entertain troops and family members overseas. There are four Circuit Managers within AFE who are responsible for the selection and hiring of all entertainers, celebrities and non-celebrities, who tour as part of the AFE program. The managers work at top speed to ensure our troops stationed overseas continually receive the best entertainment possible.

How are entertainment needs determined? Armed Forces Entertainment sends an official message for tour requirements to all major commands annually, with responses due each March. With those submissions in mind, Circuit Managers review dozens of applicants approximately every two weeks to select the best talent to meet the command's needs. Entertainers represent not only AFE, but also each Service and the Department of Defense, so the Circuit Managers are particular about who is selected for the program. With regards to the non-celebrity tours, "many of the acts are on the verge of something greater. The bands tour the popular college bar circuits in Austin, Nashville, LA and all along the East Coast," says Marine Corps Capt. Joshua Anderson , Balkans and European Circuit Manager. Celebrity tours are typically worked in conjunction with the United Service Organizations.

Air Force 1st Lt. Sergio Rios, Southwest Asia Circuit manager says, "AFE is your one-stop shop for entertainment. We do it all; we seek out entertainment, book travel, work all tour logistics, set up visas and passports, complete country clearances, you name it." Despite the efficiency of the Circuit Managers, challenges do surface. First Lieutenant Rios' first hurdle as a new Circuit Manager was "to deploy a 189 person celebrity tour which was the first to go into Iraq after the war." From coordinating airlift support and lodging accommodations to meeting the needs of each participant, First Lieutenant Rios knows first hand the effort and dedication it takes to make a tour happen, "the ability to send a little bit of home to our troops who are deployed from their families and loved ones makes this job rewarding." Captain Anderson agrees the focused work and commitment pays off. "It's good to see the final product of our labors. To see troops thoroughly enjoy a show and interact with the entertainers gives me a terrific sense of accomplishment."

The response to the entertainment AFE deploys is outstanding. The intent is to send out as much of the type of entertainment the troops want, and the installations can handle. Everyone from cheerleaders, comedians, bands (all genres), wrestlers, family entertainers, and sports, NASCAR and television and big screen stars, want to show their appreciation for the commitment and sacrifices our Service men and women have made, and are making, to ensure our way of life and defend democracy around the globe. According to Army Maj. Turner, Pacific Circuit Manager, there are over 270 military installations, in 50 countries, that receive outstanding entertainment thanks to AFE. "The troops love it as much as the entertainers themselves." "Not only do we receive 'thank you' notes and constant requests for more entertainment from the commanders and troops, but we also receive great feedback from the entertainers; most of whom are humbled by the experience."

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L-R: Capt Anderson, Maj Turner, Lt Haskins, Mr. Fields and 1 Lt Rios

John Field manages the Mediterranean and Caribbean circuit and has been with AFE for five years. During this time he has seen the positive results of AFE efforts over and over again. "The message that AFE brings from home is one of the strongest morale boosters in the military. To see the troops smile and their feet tapping, to hear their laughter, and to feel their joy at seeing and hearing something they haven't seen live since they left the States; to remind them they are not forgotten, that's what we do," says Mr. Field.

As summer looms around the corner with 4th of July celebrations fast approaching, the Circuit Managers are busy coordinating, finalizing and tracking the 45 tours currently on going or ready to deploy. Celebrities such as Toby Keith and Colin Quinn to groups such as Hometown News and Blake Stamper, Polynesian dancers, wrestlers, magicians and comedians are all showing their support to troops overseas.

All of this great entertainment comes with a price and that's where Navy Lt. Heidi Haskins comes in. As the Resource Advisor for AFE, she assists with the contracting and financial obligations for all tours and works closely with the Circuit Managers to ensure prompt payments are made. Serving as the RA has given Lieutenant Haskins the "exposure to systems and processes that I ordinarily wouldn't be directly involved in during shipboard operations." Lieutenant Haskins also has the opportunity to assist with tours deploying to SWA. "The excitement that a group has about the opportunity to take a soldier, sailor or airman's mind off of the day to day challenges they have while deployed" is what Lieutenant Haskins says she enjoys the most when planning tours.

"Taking quality entertainment to our troops overseas" is not just AFE's motto.... it's the creed the staff operates by.

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